

Sunset United Church



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Ross Macnab, Dave Warden

Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We light the Christ candle

Knowing that Christ's love shines

Like a beacon for those of us

Who are troubled,

Who are anxious,

Who are unsure,

Welcoming us into the presence of our God,
Who loves us into fullness.

Hymn: MV#18 Lord, Make Me a Sanctuary *

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.*

Call to Worship:

In a world that cries out, "Fear me!"

**We will listen to Jesus' words
"Don't be afraid."**

In a world that wants us to hate each other...

**We will live Jesus' call to,
"Love God.**

Love your neighbour, as you love yourself."

In a world that radicalizes...

**We, too, will be radical.
Radical with our hospitality.
Radical with our hope.
Radical with our love.**

Then come to this time,

Ready to be who we are called to be.

Let us worship together and worship God

Hymn: VU#806 O God, Our Help in Ages Past **

1. *O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.*

2. *under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure,
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

3. *Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

4. *A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

5. *Time like an ever-rolling stream
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.*

6. *O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.*

Prayer Seeking reconciliation

Loving Presence, Forgiving God,

Hear us as we open our prayers to you.

For the times we have stopped ourselves from
Helping another person because we were afraid –
Forgive us, we pray.

For the times we have stopped loving ourselves
Because we were afraid –
Forgive us, we pray.

For the times we have stopped ourselves from
Reaching out to you because we were afraid –
Forgive us, we pray.

(time of silence to offer personal prayers)

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Sung Response: MV#95 How Deep the Peace

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*How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.*

Sharing the Story –

Hymn: MV#104 Know That God is Good

*Know that God is good,
know that God is good,
know that God is good,
God is good, God is good.*

WE LISTEN

Scripture: Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17
Matthew 22: 34-46

Reflection

Special Music: **Ancient Words** by Michael W. Smith
(sung by Pam Norman, Christa Eidsness, Nancy
Toppings, Barb Flaten-Orr and Phil Moleski,
Ross Macnab, Dave Warden)

Ancient words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.
Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.
Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.
Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice

Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart.
Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Dedication of gifts given during this time of COVID-19:

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
(sung VU#959)

Hymn: MV#212 Sent Out in Jesus Name

- Sent out in Jesus' name,
Our hands are ready now
To make the world the place
In which the kingdom comes.
Sent out in Jesus' name,
Our hands are ready now
To make the world the place
In which the kingdom comes.*

2. *The angels cannot change
A world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love,
Of justice and peace.
The task is ours to do,
To set it really free.
O, help us to obey,
And carry out your will.*

3. *Sent out in Jesus' name,
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To make the world the place
In which the kingdom comes.
Sent out in Jesus' name,
Our hands are ready now
To make the world the place
In which the kingdom comes.*

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Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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