



Sunset United Church

October 30, 2022



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

Welcome & Announcements

Candle Lighting

Centering Time

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

One: May the love of God be with you all;

All: And also with you.

One: Come into community, where the welcome is sincere and grace overflows.

All: It doesn't matter who we are, where we've been, or how our life's path has led to this place, we are welcome!

One: Bring your true self, the joys and hurts, the scars and bruises, boasts and things buried deep.

All: God knows our authentic selves, knows our stories, and welcomes us in an embrace of unending grace.

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, we thank you for this day, for this place and for this community. We hear your call to be your people and we hear the promise that you will be with us, no matter what. In response to this blessing, we pray that our songs reflect our joy, our words reflect your wisdom and our prayers share your concerns for all your creation. We pray to you who is our mother and our father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us,
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil;
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart¹

Refrain **Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

**God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and
tender.**

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Refrain

**Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you
glory.**

Refrain

**May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister,
brother.**

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Refrain

Theme Time

Anthem

Scripture Reading and Reflection Luke 19:1-10

Hymn VU#701 What Does the Lord Require of You²

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

(repeat)

**Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.**
(repeat)

**To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.**
(repeat)

Verse 1
**What does the Lord
require of you?
What does the Lord
require of you?**

Verse 2
**Justice,
kindness,
walk humbly
with your God.**
(repeat)

Verse 3
**To seek justice, and
love kindness,
and walk humbly
with your God.**

Minute for Mission

Response Hymn

MV#115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New³

**Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you
and starting from today.**

**Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true,
for I am Christ the way.**

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn VU#716 My Life Flows On

**My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.**

**I hear the sweet, though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

**Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing:**

**It finds an echo in my soul -
how can I keep from singing?**

**What though my joys and comforts die?
My Saviour still is living.**

**What though the shadows gather 'round?
A new song Christ is giving.**

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging:
since Love commands both heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear their death knells ringing:
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing?

In prison cell and dungeon vile
our thoughts to them are winging:
when friends by shame are undefiled,
how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
and day by day this pathway smooths,
since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing:
all things are mine since I am Christ's -
how can I keep from singing?

Blessing



Minister: Rev. Jim Tenford (he/him)

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey (she/her)

Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her)

Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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