# Sunset United Church

September 11, 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: Welcome, welcome everyone,
- All: We welcome families and neighbours, Friends and not yet friends. To all the children of God: welcome!
- One: We come to seek wisdom:
- All: Wisdom in God's still speaking voice
- One: We come to find belonging in community
- All: The doors are open and there's always room for another
- One: We come to find rest so we can be sent -
- All: Sent to find the lost, bring healing to the broken, offer friendship to the lonely, and ensure all know they are loved by God!
- One: Please join me in prayer.
- All: Holy and loving spirit, your creative power fills the space between stars and atoms. Your love nurtures the hearts of your children. Your wisdom inspires us to follow your Way. As we begin this new ministry together, may we all feel your touch and

hear your voice. May we be inspired to see every day as a new ministry with new opportunities to seek the lost, welcome the stranger and share your love. Amen

Hymn VU#345 Come, Children, Join to Sing<sup>1</sup> Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah! Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah! Let all with heart and voice, saved by God's gracious choice, now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

> Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah! Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah! Christ calls his people friends, the helpless he defends, a love that never ends: Hallelujah!

Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah! Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah! The whole creation o'er let all God's love adore, singing for evermore: Hallelujah!

### Theme Time

Hymn MV#161 I Have Called You by Your Name<sup>2</sup>

I have called you by your name, you are mine; I have gifted you and ask you now to shine. I will not abandon you; all my promises are true. You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;

read it written in my people, help them grow.

Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,

offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;

feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.

Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,

hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit as a sign. With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;

go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Scripture Luke 15:1-10

#### Anthem

#### Sermon

**Hymn** VU#747 The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table though hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.

**Minute for Mission** 

**Response** MV#115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New<sup>3</sup> 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** 

Response MV#96 And When You Call for Me<sup>4</sup>
And when you call for me,
I have already answered.
And when you call for me,
I am already there.

Hymn VU#509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky<sup>5</sup>

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am; Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain I have wept for love of them; they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame I will set a feast for them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide

#### till their hearts be satisfied I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

### Benediction

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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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