



South Regina United Community

September 17, 2023



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

Welcome & Announcements

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, come into community;

All: A place where strangers are welcomed and space is made for all!

One: Welcome to a community of authenticity;

All: Where we bring our true selves, where our joys are celebrated and our challenges are shared.

One: Welcome to a community of faith;

All: This is God's church, where we are cared for and nourished, called and provoked.

One: Welcome. This is a good place to be!

All: In the presence of God, in the presence of neighbours, grace is found!

One: Let us pray:

All: Gracious and loving God, we live in a world with many questions, many worries and much stress. We come to this place of worship to connect with this community of faith and with you. You, who have led slaves to freedom, led those who fear to comfort and those who hunger to nourishment. We thank you for your constant presence in our lives and recommit to following you with faith until we reach the promised land, where all live with the knowledge of your grace.

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 VU#374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre¹

**Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!**

Theme Time

Anthem

Scripture Reading Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn MV#12 Come Touch Our Hearts² (vs. 1-4)

**Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**

**Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.**

**Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.**

**Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.**

Message

Hymn VU#271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.**

**There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that Christ has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.**

**Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

Minute for Mission

Sung Response VU#958 Halle, Halle, Halle³

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Prayers for the World

Hymn VU#288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness⁴

**Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Refrain **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.**

Refrain **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

Blessing and Sending



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