



# South Regina United Community

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*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: You are loved;

**All: God's love fills our hearts and our community!**

One: You can't even imagine how much you are loved;

**All: No matter what, no matter who we are, no matter  
what path we've been on, God's love is ours!**

One: "They" are loved;

**All: God's love cannot be domesticated or controlled, it  
is given to all creation**

One: This is the gift of God's grace

**All: It is our gift, our promise, our daily bread.**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, we come together to celebrate your  
constant presence in our lives. Whether young or  
old, rich or poor, your gentle voice calls us to  
follow you into a life that is full of wealth that is  
beyond earnings, happiness that is beyond  
explanation and love that is beyond reason. Our  
presence today is a sign of our commitment to  
follow you and trust that the teachings of Christ are  
for all.**

**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#37 Each Blade of Grass<sup>1</sup>**

**Each blade of grass, ev'ry wing that soars,  
the waves that sweep across a distant shore,  
make full the circle of God.**

**Each laughing child, ev'ry gentle eye,  
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky,  
make full a circle of God.**

**Each silent paw, ev'ry rounded stone,  
the buzz that echoes from a honey'd comb,  
made full the circle of God.**

**Each fire-brimmed star, ev'ry out-stretched hand,  
the wind that leaps and sails across the land,  
make full the circle of God.**

**Each icy peak, ev'ry patterned shell,  
the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells,  
make full the circle of God.**

**Each cosmic hue, ev'ry creature's way,  
all form the beauty of this vast array,  
making full the circle of God.**

**Theme Time**

**Anthem**

**Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-16**

**Hymn VU#706 Give Thanks for Life<sup>2</sup>**

**Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,  
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,  
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Give thanks for those who made their life a light  
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,  
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**And for our own, our living and our dead,  
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,  
a love not changed by time or death or dread,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain  
lying in darkness does its life retain  
in resurrection to grow green again,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

## **Message**

**Hymn VU#227 For the Fruit of All Creation<sup>3</sup>**

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God**

## **Minute for Mission**

**Sung Response MV#157 I Am a Child of God<sup>4</sup> (v. 1)**

**I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation,  
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.**

## **Prayers for the World**

**Hymn VU#575 I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me<sup>5</sup>**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

## **Blessing and Sending**



**Minister:** Rev. Jim Tenford (he/him)

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

**Choir Director:** Corinne Groff (she/her)      **Pianist:** Shirley Hill (she/her)

**Audio/Visual Technician:** Bonnie Tudor (she/they)



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