



Sunset United Church

September 25, 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 *(adapted from A New Creed)*

One: We believe in God who has created and is creating;

All: And in God's creation, all things, all people, all creatures are indeed good!

One: God, who has come in Jesus;

All: Jesus, the physical embodiment of God's grace.

One: Jesus, the Word made flesh;

All: The word of wisdom, the word of peace, the word of love.

One: To Reconcile and make new;

All: We are called to be in relationship,

to heal wounds,

comfort those who mourn,

befriend the lonely,

and be the hands, feet, and voice of Christ for all

who need the Good News!

One: Let us pray

Gracious God, we enter into worship with joy; joy that we have this community and your presence to guide us through life. We enter with wonder;

wonder at your word for us, and the path that you

would have us follow. We enter with love; love for

this community and for you. We enter with

thanksgiving; thankful for all the blessings you

provide - from the beauty of this earth, the diversity

of your children, and the sustaining, guiding presence of your spirit.

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#154 Deep in Our Hearts¹

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
Telling creation that we are one.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a common message,
Justice and peace in harmony.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
Flowing to freedom like a stream.**

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Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
Telling creation that we are one.**

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Response Hymn

MV#115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New²

**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.**

Theme Time

Hymn VU#595 We Are Pilgrims³

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

Scripture Psalm 146 (*responsive reading*)

Praise God, O my soul. As long as I live I will
praise God.

**Yes, as long as I have life I will sing
praises to God.**

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any mortal,
for in them there is no help.

**When they breathe their last they return
to dust; then their plans come to
nothing.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of
Jacob,

**whose hope is the Maker of heaven and
earth, the sea, and all that is in them,**
the One who keeps faith for ever,
**who gives justice to the oppressed, who
gives food to the hungry.**

God sets prisoners free, restores sight to the
blind.

**God straightens those who are bent;
loves those who are just.**

God cares for the stranger in the land,
and sustains the widow and orphan;
**but the way of the wicked God turns to
ruin.**

God shall reign forever, O Zion,
your God for all generations.

Luke 16:19-31

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn VU#678 For the Healing of the Nations⁴

**For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that, by our response and service,
earth its destiny may find.**

Minute for Mission

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn MV#178 Kindred in Spirit Through Jesus Christ⁵

**Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.**

**Differently abled, differently labelled,
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.**

**Love will relate us colour or status
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.**

**Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ.
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.**

AMEN!

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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