



Sunset United Church



May 10th, 2020– Christian Family Sunday

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

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We are here on this Easter season Sunday,
Celebrating our faith,
Celebrating our dispersed and yet connected
Community,
And celebrating life and ministry of Christ.
This candle here reminds us
That the love and life of this place,
Is bright and present.

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

Hymn: MV#62 There is Room for All *

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock,
In whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!

Call to Worship

Come, mothers and all who mother!

Come, all who have or have had mothers –

Through birth, adoption, or fostering,

Or simply by being taken under the wing

Of someone with a kindly, parental soul.

Come, those for whom this day is difficult and confusing,
those for whom today brings anger or grief.

Today we worship in music and prayer

the God who loves us with a love beyond

**anything we could ask for or imagine, beyond
what we hope.**

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you.

We come as individuals, we come in family units,
we come as neighbours and friends.

We come here where we are known by name,
welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths.

We gather with kindred spirits
who long to live faithful to your calling.
Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us,
and nurture us in this time of worship
so that we might be enabled to return
to our daily lives ready to engage fully
with all of your creation.
We pray. Amen.

Hymn: MV#1 Let Us Build a House **

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
REFRAIN:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
REFRAIN

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

REFRAIN

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured,
Taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

REFRAIN

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

O God, you know how hard it is
to live in relationships,
and yet you call us to do so.

**At times it is hard to be fully present
to our siblings and others
in our nuclear family
and within this Christian family.**

**Our patience may be short,
we sometimes don't really listen,
we may be tired, or angry, or hungry,
or lonely, or ...**

**whatever it is that keeps us
from loving and caring for one another,
help us to know that you are always with us,
loving us so that we may love others.**

(time of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Sung Response: MV#115 Behold, Behold ***

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.

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#661 Come to My Heart ****

1. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy
That only you can bring,
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
Give me a song to sing.

2. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus,
Teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus,
Fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy
That only you can bring,
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus,
Give me a song to sing.
3. Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus,
Teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
That only you can bring,
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus.
Give me a song to sing.

WE LISTEN

Scripture: John 14: 1-14

Reflection

Special Music

WE RESPOND

Dedication of gifts given during this time of COVID-19:

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung
VU#595)**

Hymn:

VU#556 Would You Bless our Homes and Families *****

1. Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here,
In our world of stress and tension
Teaching us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles,
Love's expressed in many ways.
2. When our way is undemanding
Let us use the time that's ours
To delight in simple pleasures,
Sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
And a heavy path we plod,
Teach us trust in one another
And in you, our gracious God.
3. From the homes in which we're nurtured
With the love that shapes us there,
Teach us, God, to claim as family
Every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
May we in your love remain;
May the love we share in families
Be alive to praise your name.

4. Let us reach beyond the boundaries
Of our daily thought and care,
Till the family you have chosen
Spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles
Love's expressed in many ways.

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude



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