



Sunset United Church

May 28, 2023

Guest Worship Leader: *Christa Eidsness*



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

Welcome & Announcements Centering Time

Call to Worship

- One: Great Creator, your Spirit moves among us
All: and you invite us to discern the way forward together.
- One: In this gathering today breathe life into our souls,
All: show us your vision for us as your body in the world,
- One: and fill us with the courage we need.
All: For we follow Jesus, the way,
- One: and empowered by the Spirit,
All: we raise your voices to you in song and praise.

Opening Prayer

Hymn MV#142 Oh a Song Must Rise¹

Refrain **Oh, a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh, a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh, a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
(descend)**

**From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.**

Refrain

**From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again. (again)
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.**

Refrain

**From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.**

Refrain

Affirmation of Faith – A New Creed

**We are not alone,
 we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
 who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
 to celebrate God's presence,
 to live with respect in Creation,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
 our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us.
We are not alone.
 Thanks be to God.**

Theme Time

Anthem

Scripture Readings I Corinthians 12:4-13
 John 20:19-23

Hymn VU#373 As Comes the Breath of Spring

**As comes the breath of spring with light and mirth and song
so does your Spirit bring new days brave, free, and strong.
You come with thrill of life to chase hence winter's breath
to hush to peace the strife of sin that ends in death.**

**You come like dawning day with flaming truth and love,
to chase all glooms away, to brace our wills to prove
how wise, how good to choose the truth and its brave fight,
to prize it, win or lose, and live on your delight.**

**You come like songs at morn that fill the earth with joy,
till we, in Christ newborn, new strength in praise employ.
You come to rouse the heart from drifting to despair,
through high hopes to impart life with an ampler air.**

**You breathe and there is health, you move and there is power,
you whisper, there is wealth of love, your richest dower.
Your presence is to us like summer in the soul,
your joy shines forth and then life blossoms to its goal.**

Message

Hymn VU#579 The Church Is Wherever God's People²

**The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.**

**The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.**

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 MV#216 Wherever You May Go⁴

Refrain **Wherever you may, go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal, and true.**

**Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
we will travel side by side
and God's love will be our guide.**

Refrain

**From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
when you need me, I'll be there,
you can trust my faithful care.**

Refrain

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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