





# Sunset United Church



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Sunset United, 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#14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered \***

*Where two or three  
are gathered in my name,  
I am there, I am there.*

**Call to Worship**

Spirit of life and love,  
We gather together in a different way this morning,  
From computer screens,  
And televisions,  
In the moment  
And later today,  
We gather,  
Reaching out across the wires,  
Waving from a safe distance,  
To come together as a community of faith.

From living room to office space to back decks,  
We gather as we are able,  
Ready to be of service to each other,  
To the world,  
Ready to build the community of hope and of love,  
As we face this bright morning.

We are apart,  
But we are together  
Offering our love,  
Our commitment,  
Our hope, and our prayers,  
In service to one another and the world.  
It is a new way,  
But an old way,  
That we come together in worship today.

Opening Prayer:

Loving Shepherd,

You know our names:

You care for us.

When we face challenges,

Walk beside us.

When we hunger for your love,

Fill us with your presence.

When we are scared,

Feed us as your table.

May we dwell in the house of goodness and love,

All the days of our lives.

Amen

Hymn: MV#161 I Have Called You by Your Name \*\*

1. *I have called you by your name,  
you are mine;  
I have gifted you  
and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you;  
all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called and chosen;  
you are mine.*
  
2. *I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people,  
help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name,  
speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.*

3. *I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out,  
choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe,  
then let it go.*
4. *I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people  
they are mine.*

### **Prayer Seeking Reconciliation**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**But, God, we are consumed with wanting more.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

**But, God, other pastures seem greener.**

**The waters aren't always still.**

**Our souls still thirst.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**O God, we long to be led by you,**

**Though we may complain along the path.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

For you are with me; your rod and your staff –

they comfort me.

**And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear.  
May we feel your presence, your comfort,  
And your love anew.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup overflows.

**O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table.  
Forgive us, and help us to see your overflowing grace.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life,

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

**Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.**

*~silent prayer~*

**Sung Response:** MV#90 Don't be Afraid \*\*\*

*Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger  
and I have promised,  
promised to be always near.*

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn: MV#8 And On this Path \*\*\*\***

1. *And on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!*
  
2. *So enter in,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
so enter in,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
so enter in,  
the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!*
  
3. *And on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!*

## WE LISTEN

**Scripture:** Psalm 23  
John 10: 1-10

Reflection

Special Music

## WE RESPOND

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

Lenten Prayers & The Lord's Prayer (sung)

**Hymn:** MV#143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky \*\*\*\*\*

1. *We cannot own the sunlit sky,  
the moon, the wildflower's growing,  
for we are part of all that is  
within life's river flowing.  
With open hands receive and share  
the gifts of God's creation,  
that all may have abundant life  
in ev'ry earthly nation.*
2. *When bodies shiver in the night  
and weary, wait for morning,  
when children have no bread but tears,  
and war horns sound their warning.  
God calls humanity to wake,  
to join in common labour,  
that all may have abundant life  
in oneness with their neighbour.*



3. *God calls humanity to join  
as partners in creating  
a future free from want or fear,  
life's goodness celebrating,  
that new world beckons from afar,  
invites our shared endeavor,  
that all may have abundant life  
and peace endure forever.*

## Commissioning and Benediction

### Postlude



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