



South Regina United Community

November 26, 2023



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

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time – Lighting the Candles and Pouring the Water

One: We light the Christ candle to remind us of the presence of Christ within us and around us.

All: May this light illuminate our worship and our lives as we gather together as God's people.

One: We light the rainbow candle to remind us of the wonderful diversity of God's people.

All: May the light from the rainbow candle remind us that all are welcome in God's realm and that all are welcome to this service of worship.

One: We pour this water to remind us of God's refreshing presence in our lives.

All: May the sound of the water remind us that whoever drinks the water Jesus offers will never thirst, for the water Jesus gives will become a spring of living water welling up to eternal life.

Reflective Music

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer (*inspired by Psalm 100*)

One: This is the final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Sunday before the start of Advent and it's known as the Reign of Christ Sunday. So, on this special day, may the love of God be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let's worship God with gladness. Let's come together into God's presence singing "You are our God and we are your people. Keep us close to you and soothe us and inspire us with your glorious melodies and harmonies."

All: We call out “Compassionate God, you receive our songs of lament and our prayers of grief. When we cry to you, you hear our voices. You comfort us in times of uncertainty and quieten our distress.”

One: So, this morning, let’s sing out to God, for God supports us when life becomes difficult and discordant. God sustains our tune and encourages our hearts to sing out in good times and in bad.

All: **May God guide us today as we join our voices in the chorus of life. In this time of worship, we give thanks to God, for God is good and God’s love endures forever.**

One: On this Reign of Christ Sunday, let us pray together.

All: **Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless and power of the powerless, we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, a realm of peace in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished, in which strangers are welcomed, the hurting are healed and the captives are set free. Guide us with your truth and love until we and all people make manifest your reign of justice and compassion.**

**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 VU#273 The King of Love¹

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!**

Theme Time

Anthem

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

Message

Hymn VU#600 When I Needed a Neighbour²

**When I needed a neighbour, were you there,
were you there?**

**When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?**

**I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
were you there?**

**I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?**

**I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
were you there?**

**I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?**

**When I needed a healer, were you there,
were you there?**

**When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?**

**Wherever you travel I'll be there,
I'll be there,
wherever you travel I'll be there.**

**And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.**

Minute for Mission

Sung Response MV#146 The Kingdom of God³

**The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy
Spirit.**

Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

Prayers for the World

Hymn MV#126 Are You a Shepherd?⁴

**Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger, while calming our fears?**

**Are you a father who shelter and feeds us,
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?**

Refrain **Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.
Holy and living, loving and giving,
God, you are with us wherever we go.**

**Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?**

**Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,
challenging students to offer their best?**

Refrain **Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.
Holy and living, loving and giving,
God, you are with us wherever we go.**

**Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,
lead all your children in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent, wise parent, you guide us.
We want to love you and bring you delight.**

Refrain **Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.
Holy and living, loving and giving,
God, you are with us wherever we go.**

Blessing and Sending



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

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