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Sunday February 17, 2019, 10am

Theme: Being Blessed

‡ indicates stand as you are able

Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices

VU = Voices United



WE GATHER

PRELUDE

While we all like to receive gifts, we sometimes respond uncomfortably to the idea of being blessed. Blessed can take on mixed connotations. To be blessed is to be given a gift unexpectedly and without strings. Under such freedom granted, it's easy to see how some people might mistake being blessed for being entitled, enabling the receiver to assume a higher status. Conversely, we can see blessings as burdens, requiring something of the receiver. A blessing can change the core of who we are. *How do you receive a blessing? Is it easy for you? Challenging? Are you suspicious of the giver? When have you been a blessing? What does being blessed mean for you?*

Commented [RL1]: This is the same prelude as Feb 10th. Is that intended?

LIFE & MINISTRY, & SHARING THE PEACE (Rev. Bob)
(Please feel free to move around)

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Welcome to this service of worship. We begin by acknowledging the traditional territory upon which we gather this morning. For many thousands of years, the Lheidli T'enneh have sought to walk gently on this land. We seek a renewed relationship with both the Indigenous and Metis Peoples, one based in honour, deep respect, and Right Relations.

‡**GATHERING SONG: Come In, Come In and Sit Down** (Vs1&4) **VU#395**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) *Based on Psalm 138*

One: Blessed are those who trust in God.

All: Plant us like a tree by the water. Send our roots toward the stream. Bear fruit in all we do, and make our leaves evergreen.

One: Delight in God, meditate on God's law day and night.

All: We praise God's holy name now and always.

One: Come, let us worship.

GATHERING PRAYER: (Unison)

Fount of Blessings, Blessed One, and Giving Spirit, fill our hearts and this space with the awareness of the gifts of your manifold grace. Help us to see in each person around us the gifts that will heal the world. Create in us a space for sharing our gifts. Connect us to each other and to you, the source of eternal blessing, so that we may bless this world without end. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: (Responsive)

One: Friends, sometimes we hate what we do, and we do what we hate. We say things we regret, and keep silent the words we long to speak. We hear what we want, and remain deaf to the love spoken to us, yet God's trust is in us. God's radical inclusion for each of us never changes.

All: Our roots run deep in the love and grace of God. With Christ we are free to drink deeply the living water of the Spirit and know that we are loved, welcomed, included, and affirmed.

✠HYMN: *This Is God's Wondrous World*

VU#296

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jocelyn Kay Robin Wittmack daughter of Kyla and Robert Wittmack

INTRODUCTION

Following the tradition of Jesus who welcomed children into his community, we celebrate the presence of children within this community of faith and offer to children the sacrament of baptism.

(Invite participants to come forward)

On behalf of Trinity United, I present **Jocelyn Kay Robin Wittmack** daughter of Kyla and Robert Wittmack we acknowledge the decision they have made to have **Jocelyn** baptized. We look forward to journeying with them in finding a path between the tradition of infant baptism and the personal profession of faith at confirmation in The United Church of Canada tradition. Fully respecting the diversity of the community gathered, we affirm the love of God made known in this child and the sacredness of the covenant shared between child, parents, and Trinity United Church.

REQUEST FOR BAPTISM

What do you ask of God's church at Trinity United for your child?

Parents: We ask that they be baptized into the faith and family of God's love.

PROMISES OF PARENTS

Congregation to Parents: Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

Parents: I do, by the grace of God.

Congregation to Parents: Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions?

Parents: I will, God being my helper.

Congregation to Parents: Will you care for them and help them to take their place within the mission and witness of Christ's Church?

Parents: I will, God being my helper.

COMMITMENT OF FAMILY

Congregation to Family Members: Will you, as part of this child's extended family, give your support to them by sharing your faith, prayer, love, and action?

Response: I will, God being my helper.

COMMITMENT OF CONGREGATION

Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our table and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth, justice, and love.

The gospels testify that all people are invited to accept God, the God who has already accepted us. The challenge is always for us to accept that we are already accepted.

All: So, we, the members of God's Beloved Community, proclaim that same witness. Jocelyn, the same God who has claimed every person as a beloved child, also proclaims that you are a beloved child.

As Trinity United Church, do you vow to support these people in their promises?

All: We do, with the help of God. We also promise to walk with Jocelyn on their spiritual journey. On this holy adventure with God, we will celebrate our beloved kinship, live out God's vision for the world, and embody God's commonwealth of love.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

(The Water is Poured into the font)

Listen to its free flowing powers;

Listen to its releasing powers;

Listen to its healing powers;

Listen to its welcoming powers;

Listen to its loving powers.

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation made known to us in water and word.

Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the Promised Land.

You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, and became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and sent them forth to baptize with water and spirit.

Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. Bless all who touch and taste this water that they may be ever reminded of your abiding presence and claim on their lives. Amen.

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

One: Jocelyn Kay Robin, we baptize you in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who reveals the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The God of Sarah, Rebecca, and Rachel. The Spirit of love, justice, and mutuality. The Holy Three found in plants, insects, and animals. In this town, this planet, and the entire cosmos. Who calls us to new life, new hope, and new creation. The Creator who is in your past, present, and future. In the name of God, Christ, and Spirit. Amen!

All: Jocelyn, you are a beloved child of God, with whom God is well pleased. Amen!

BAPTISMAL CANDLE & CERTIFICATE

Jocelyn, may this candle remind you throughout your life of Jesus, who opened peoples' minds and hearts to see the 'light' of God's presence within them. Kyla and Robert, use this candle to help you tell Jocelyn the story of their baptism, as you light it each year to remember this day.

THEME CONVERSATION

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)*

(Lectionary@Home: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; & 1 Corinthians 6:17-26)

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Reader: This is the witness of The Church.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Out of Deep, Unordered Water

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SERMON: Blessed are the Cheesmakers

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WE RESPOND

✠HYMN: *Be Still, My Soul*

VU#652

PASTORAL PRAYERS & The Prayer of Jesus

VU#960

Please include this week:

Joy Greenly

Janice Fast

Louise Chernenkoff

Bob Hawk

Gordon Smith

Callum MacRitchie

Jocelyn, Kyla, and Robert

MINUTE FOR TRINITY

INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

GATHERING OUR GIFTS

Through our Tithes, Offerings, Envelopes, & PAR

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Christ Be Our Light*

Projection

**Many the gifts,
Many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants
to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the dark [night].
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Unison)

Let these gifts be a consolation for all who are in need. Let us be more blessed by the giving than we have been blessed in receiving. And let us desire only the power of Christ's resurrecting love as we embody a living faith, an inclusive fellowship, and joyful service. Amen.

WE SERVE

✠HYMN: *We Shall Go Out with Hope*

VU#586

✠COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

Go and be God's transforming presence in the world. Go and be Trinity United!

BENEDICTION

✠Sung Response: *This Little Light of Mine*

Projection

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: *Rev. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant – Wendy Hudyma; Pianists- Angela Alba and Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjørven; Adult Choir; Live Streaming – Rebecca Fillier; Wonderhosts - Shannon Carson and Megan Homan; Greeter- Don Homan*

Pastoral Prayer:

Creator who made Earth from watery chaos and tamed the waters for our life and healing, we give thanks for your many blessings.

When we sought healing, you sent a healer. When we continued to be lonely and confused, you stayed with us and sustained us with your spirit.

Give us life, O Creator, that we may create and not destroy. Heal our hearts, O Christ, that we may heal those who are in need.

Bless our spirits, O Holy Spirit, that we may be a blessing.

We remember those who have asked that we never forget about them in our prayers:

For the poor and the outcast, God teach us your divine hospitality.

For the hungry, God show us how to fill until all are feed and there is enough for all.

For the weeping, God give us laughter to share.

For the despised, God bring us acceptance.

For the rich, God reveal the true consolation of sharing.

For the satisfied, God spark a desire for the company and well-being of others.

For the happy, God let them not fear loss.

For the celebrated and revered, God give them the grace of humility.

Especially this morning we pray for [insert names of people, places, or world events]

God, we take comfort in your steadfast love for each of us. May we be a blessing to others through the power of the love shown to us in Jesus Christ. Creator, hear these our prayers as we join together and sing the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, Our Father...Amen.