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Sunday January 27, 2019, 10am

Theme: Shaped by God's Word

☪ indicates stand as you are able

Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices

VU = Voices United

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

As we follow the light of Christ into the world in the Season after the Epiphany, this week's scripture readings offer guidance about how to live in a way that pleases God. Some might hear the centrality of God's law in these passages and believe that the instructions lead to a smaller more constrained life. However, the readings serve a broader goal. They reveal how those who "hear" can live into the fullness of who God created us to be: sculpted by God's law. *How do you feel about laws? Are they made to be broken, serve only to limit, or can they enable a fuller reality? When do you find 'laws' hard or easy to follow? Was there ever a time when you found yourself on other side of a law for 'good reason'?*

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)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God,

All: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

One: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

All: Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

One: Let God's knowledge rise in us.

All: Let God's glory shine all around us as we join together in worship.

GATHERING PRAYER: (Unison)

Sculptor of the heavens and the earth, creator of the sea and sky, we praise your holy name because you created us in love and ordered our lives that we might live with peace, joy, mutuality, unity, and abundance. Help us see the goodness that is all around us in the beauty of your creation and the framework of your commands. Help us hear your word this day. Let it shape us and make us new once more. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: (Responsive)

One: Friends, it's easy to see laws as restrictive, forcing us to conform to some antiquated notion of right and wrong, good and evil. We limit the reach of God's voice in our lives, acting instead like our faith is a smorgasbord of our own creation, yet God's law isn't meant to limit us, but to help us thrive. Even when we turn away, God turns towards us. In Jesus we have an example of a life of mutuality and affirmation that transcends the limitations of his context and can do the same for us.

All: In the Body of Christ no one is any better than any other. God's community is an open, inclusive, and affirming expression of love that knows no bounds. Through the Spirit we are each welcomed, accepted, and affirmed as loved, reconciled, and healed by God.

✠HYMN: *Blest be the Tie that Binds*

VU#602

THEME CONVERSATION

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

(Lectionary@Home: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a)

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Reader: This is the witness of The Church.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: The Heavens are Telling

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SERMON: Principles to Change the World

WE RESPOND

†HYMN: *Christ Has no Body Now but Yours*

MV#171

PASTORAL PRAYERS & The Prayer of Jesus

VU#960

Please include this week:

Joy Greenly

Janice Fast

Louise Chernenkoff

Bob Hawk

Gordon Smith

Callum MacRitchie

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)

From a deep sense of gratitude we respond to Jesus' ministry and your presence in our lives, O God. May these offerings and the ministry they support empower us to be expressions of good news, release, and recovery in our daily lives. Amen.

WE SERVE

†HYMN: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

VU#567

†COMMISSIONING and BENECTION

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 – Gabriele Slater; Pianists- Angela Alba and Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjørven; Adult Choir; Live Streaming – Rebecca Fillier; Wonderhosts - Kirsten Lindberg and Beth Quesnel; Greeter- Maria Brouwer and Gerry McKinnon*

Pastoral Prayer:

Creator God,
You speak the world into creation, and we are awed.

You send the Word-made-flesh into your world, and we live under this reign of love and justice.

You pour out your Spirit on our communities, and we are transformed.

Holy, holy, holy is your name.

Let us forever be among those who sing your praise and live in a way pleasing to you.

You have entrusted this world to our tending, and you have ordered our communities by your precepts.

Keep us always attentive and thankful for the good life that you have set before us.

The turning of night to day, the waxing and waning of the moon, and the shifting of the seasons show us your love in the rhythm of your creation.

The offering of gifts, the sharing of needs, and the concern for the least of these shows us your care in the shaping of community.

Grant us the wisdom to see that your creation and your command are good gifts.

Bend our words and deeds to conform to the community life you invite us to enjoy.

Set the needs of others on our heart that we might serve them and pray for them without hesitation.

As you comfort the sick, send us to be your words of mercy.

As you shelter those without housing, open our hearts to open our doors to friends and strangers.

As you feed the hungry, provoke us to share from the abundance of our own cupboard or table.

As you protect those in harm's way, teach us to serve as a place of shelter for those who are being tossed about by life.

As you shine your perfect light on the world, grow our compassion for all your people: rich, poor, differently abled, educated, illiterate, sick, and foreigner.

Light our path and light our lives with your light, love, and justice.

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

Creator, hear these our prayers as we join together and sing the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, Our Father...Amen.