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Sunday January 13, 2019, 10am
Theme: Remembering God's Promises

☪ indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

We are invited to the banks of the river Jordan to see how Jesus, the child of God, came into the world to live among God's people as the anointed one, a fulfillment of God's promised reign of justice and love. The power of the voice from heaven and the Holy Spirit makes this identity more fully known. As those who believe in the promises of God and as those united with Christ in Baptism, we, beloved children of God, are also sent to reveal God's reign of love and justice in our communities. *How does your faith center on Jesus? When is it easy for Jesus to be at the center? When is it hard to find Jesus at all? How do you feel like a beloved of God? How can/do you share the light of God in your everyday actions?*

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 29

One: The voice of God is over the waters;

All: over the mighty waters, God speaks with creative power.

One: The voice of God breaks the cedars;

All: over the cedars, fire, wilderness, and forest, God speaks with authority.

One: Enthroned forever, may God bless the people with strength and peace!

All: Bless us with strength and peace.

One: Let us say, "Glory!"

All: Glory, glory, glory, God!

One: Come, Let us worship.

GATHERING PRAYER: (Unison)

God of glory, your promises have been answered and continue to be answered by the Beloved, Jesus of Nazareth. Open our hearts to receive this, your greatest gift of love, again today. As we hear your voice claim Jesus as your holy child, remind

us that we too are claimed as children of God. Fill our hearts with joy as we continue to celebrate the promises fulfilled in Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: (Responsive)

One: Friends, too often we see God only in scripture instead of looking in our everyday lives. We forget that we are part of God's unfolding cosmic narrative, rich in diversity, mystery, and inclusion. We aren't perfect and that is ok. Together we share in Jesus' baptism and in the recognition of God as beloved.

All: We are called, loved, accepted, and included by God. We are enough and empowered by God's grace that knows no boundaries.

✠HYMN:

How Firm a Foundation

VU#660

THEME CONVERSATION

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)

(Lectionary@Home: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17)

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader: This is part of our story of faith.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Down to the River to Pray arranged by Sheldon Curry

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SERMON:

The Force Awakens

WE RESPOND

†HYMN: *I Have Called You by Your Name*

MV#161

PASTORAL PRAYERS & The Prayer of Jesus

VU#960

Please include this week:

Joy Greenly

Janice Fast

Evelyn Malgunas' husband Vern, their Family and Friends.

Louise Chernenkoff

MINUTE FOR TRINITY – Outreach Committee and ACE Partnership
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)

As your beloved, O God, we respond so that others might find and discover how your love and grace can change the world. Take these symbols of our gratitude and commitment of walking in the way of Jesus and turn them into physical expression ministry in the world. Amen.

WE SERVE

†HYMN: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

VU#101

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

Go into the world and be God's guiding light. Go and be Trinity United!

BENEDICTION

†Sung Response: *This Little Light of Mine*

Projection

POSTLUDE

Pastoral Prayer:

God of heaven and earth, in Jesus' baptism, you spoke Jesus' true identity as your child, the beloved with whom you are well pleased. Help us remember that Jesus' baptism is an invitation to each one of us to die to sin, be raised to a new life in Christ, and hold firm to the life that Jesus taught us to live.

In Baptism, our identity as children of God is made visible, and we become brothers and sisters in Christ. As part of God's family, our hearts are opened to pray for one another and so this morning we pray:

For those among us who carry a heavy burden into the new year,

(Silence)

For those who grieve a diagnosis or death,

(Silence)

For those who are restless or sad or unsatisfied and cannot put a name on the feeling,

(Silence)

For those who feel alone,

(Silence)

For those living in harm's way or those recovering from an act of violence,

(Silence)

For those who are sick,

(Silence)

For each one of us who needs your strength and guidance daily,

(Silence)

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

Great Creator, you who calls each one of us by name, we offer all of these prayers to you as we sing the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, Our Father...Amen.