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*You are...Included...Wanted... Accepted*

**Sunday February 24, 2019, 10am**

**Theme: Be Holy**

✚ indicates stand as you are able  
**Bold** indicates participation by the people

**MV** = More Voices  
**VU** = Voices United

**WE GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

There are almost 800,000 words in our Protestant version of the Bible, and over 31,000 verses. It is a massive volume split into 66 books, with at least 40 different original human scribes. *Is this book a guidebook to perfection? Does it have the rules to live by that will protect us from experiencing or inflicting pain? Are the people who read it more perfect than they were before they knew what was in it? What about the church – does this book have some magic formula that makes a community of people nicer to one another and more enlightened?* We miss the point if we read the words as a simple formula for living rather than a vision for who God is in our midst.

**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: Trust in God.

**All: We delight in God,**

One: for God tends to the desires of our hearts,

**All: and commits us to the bright day of justice.**

One: Do not fret for God is near.

**All: We come to worship because God is good.**

**GATHERING PRAYER: (Unison)**

**Come closer to us, O God, reconcile us to our sisters and brothers.**

**Come closer to us, O God, care for our ageing generations.**

**Come closer to us, O God, forgive us for our wrongdoing.**

**Come closer to us, O God, protect us from our future famine.**

**Come closer to us, O God, draw us nearer to each other through you.**

**Embrace with us, weep with us, that we may be family again. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: (Responsive)**

One: Friends, family isn't easy. We've all said words that hurt. Forgotten an important date. Labeled something insignificant that wasn't, and acted in ways that hindered relationships. God's grace is such that even these can be overcome. God's love is such that through Christ we are able to be both reconciled and healed in order to co-create a different future.

**All: God's help is always with us. Our refuge and strength is never far away. Wrapping us in the warm blankets of justice and mercy, God calls us loved, welcomed, included, and affirmed.**

✠HYMN: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

VU#703

## **THEME CONVERSATION**

### **WE LISTEN**

#### **SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:27-38 (NRSV)**

(Lectionary@Home: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11,39-40; 1Cor.15:35-38, 42-50)

#### **Luke 6:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Reader: This is the witness of The Church.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:

Chariot's Comin'

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SERMON:

Not My Siblings Keeper

**WE RESPOND**

†HYMN:

*God Weeps*

**MV78**

**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)

**Mercy is love that demands we put our skin in the game. God bless our offerings as you have blessed our bodies and lives. Help us to give more of ourselves, our hearts, and our resources to see your merciful love embodied in all of us. Bless this day and may your will for love and mercy be done when the day is done. Amen.**

## WE SERVE

†HYMN: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

VU#602

†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:

God who makes us one with each other, one with creation, one with humanity, one with divinity, we pray that we may be seekers and doers of mercy.

Dwell in our vulnerability and intensify our compassion until we feel connected, reconciled, and whole.

We pray for those near and far who have asked us to pray for them.

For those worried about the future (pause).

For those traumatized by the past (pause).

For those responsible for the present (pause).

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

Grant us all a vision of ourselves cast in your eternal love, that we may live, die, and love as one world without end.

God, we take comfort in your steadfast love for each of us. May we be a blessing to others through the power of this 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.