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Sunday, February 5, 2023 - 10:00 am

Theme: Costly Truth Telling

† indicates stand as you are able

MV = More Voices

Bold indicates participation by the people

VU = Voices United

Core Values: Living Faith - Inclusive Fellowship
Joyful Service – Being Anti-Racist – Affirming All



GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

One: *Hadih*, welcome in the name of the Christ.

All: Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the Ancestral and unceded lands of the Lheidli T'enneh people.

One: Welcome to this place of blessing, this space of grace, and this holy sanctuary. This place where we discern how to live into the way of Jesus.

All: We gather this morning to share in song, word, prayer, to

publicly, intentionally, and explicitly affirm that we are all an expression of the divine's holy light.

One: Be welcomed.

All: Be present.

One: Be a blessing.

LIFE & MINISTRY
(Announcements)

GATHERING SONG: A
Light Is Gleaming VU#82

"A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light.

Come share its gladness,

***God's radiant love is burning
bright, living in the light.***

***When light comes pouring into
the darkest place,
It hurts our eyes to see the
glow.***

***Sometimes a word of hope
reminds us of our fears,
Our memories and tears.***

***A light is gleaming, spreading
its arms throughout the night,
living in the light.***

***Come share its gladness,
God's radiant love is burning
bright, living in the light.***

*When night is round us and
every shadow grows,
A star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who
came near to say:
“God’s light will ever stay.”*

*A light is gleaming, spreading
its arms throughout the night,
living in the light.*

*Come share its gladness,
God’s radiant love is burning
bright, living in the light.*

*And Jesus showed us a
brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn’t*

seen.

**Now we, like Jesus, can help
creation shine,
And this will be a sign:**

**A light is gleaming, spreading
its arms throughout the night,
living in the light.**

**Come share its gladness,
God's radiant love is burning
bright, living in the light.**

**So let us live in the brightness
God has giv'n,
And let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here a**

***sparkle and ablaze,
Warming all our days.”***

***A light is gleaming, spreading
its arms throughout the night,
living in the light.***

***Come share its gladness,
God’s radiant love is burning
bright, living in the light.***

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Let us shape an honest place,
shaped by our hurt as much as
our gladness.

**A place where weeping is
allowed, and frustration**

shared.

Let us lament what has been corrupted and mourn what has passed.

Weep for that which is no longer, and protest against our fickle ways.

How lonely sits the city. How like a widow she has become.

Let us meet the God of life where we meet the shadows of the world.

Gathering Prayer (Unison)

Holy One, it isn't easy to always tell the truth, especially to those

who have more power or influence than we do. We fear for our safety when the truth we have to tell isn't what others want to hear. Ground us in this time of worship that we might rediscover the strength of our truth and the support it has in this community. Help us borrow strength from others when our truth telling is too much to bear on our own. Help us share our truth, not to be malicious, yet honest about the justice, compassion, and love you call us to embody. Amen.

AFFIRMING GOD'S LOVE

Truth telling is not always easy. No one enjoys being the truth teller that everyone hates to see coming. It can be demoralizing to share your truth with people you love and trust only to have that truth thrown back in your face, dismissed, or countered with argument. Yet, the truth God has invested in you isn't just your truth. It's a reflection of the Divine's call for authenticity, justice, compassion, and love. Your truth has value. Your truth is real. Know

that the Spirit of God is with you. In our diversity of expression, identity, and orientation; ability, shape, and backgrounds, God's light always shines. You are loved. You are worthy. You are a spark of the Divine.

Together may we share the light of Holy Mystery enfleshed in who we are. Together may we nurture and share our gifts for we are God's beloved community.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

† HYMN:
You Silent

**O God, Why Are
MV#73**

**O God, why are you silent?
I cannot hear your voice.
The proud and violent all claim
you and rejoice.
You promised you would hold
me with tenderness and care.
Draw near, O Love, enfold me,
and ease the pain I bear.**

**Now lost within my grieving,
I fall and lose my way,
My fragile, faint believing
swiftly swept away.
O God of pain and sorrow,
My compass and my guide,
I cannot face the morrow
without you by my side.**

**My hope lies bruised and
battered,
My wounded heart is torn;
My spirit spent and shattered by
life's relentless storm.**

**Will you not bend to hear me,
My cries from deep within?
Have you no word to cheer me
when night is closing in?**

**Through endless nights of weeping,
Through weary days of grief,
My heart is in your keeping,
My comfort my relief.
Come, share my tears and sadness,
Come, suffer my pain;
O bring me home to gladness,
Restore my hope again.**

**May pain draw forth
compassion,**

**Let wisdom rise from loss,
O take my heart and fashion the
image of your cross.**

**Then may I know your healing
through healing that I share,
your grace and love revealing
your tenderness and care.**

A STORY FOR THE AGES

**(Lectionary@Home: Isaiah 58:1-
9a; Psalm 84; 1 Corinthians**

2:1-12(13-16); Matthew 5:13-20)

FOCUS READINGS: Mark 6:14-29 (NIV)

Reader: In these pieces of Christian witness, we see Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Freedom

SERMON: *Owning Your Truth*

WE RESPOND

† HYMN: *My Soul Cries Out* MV#120

*1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?*

*Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you*

bring.

*Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn
draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

*2 Though I am small, my God,
my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the
depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to
shame,
and to those who would for you
yearn,
you will show your might, put the*

*strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.*

Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you
bring.*

Let the fires of your justice burn.

*Wipe away all tears, for the dawn
draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

3 *From the halls of pow'r to the
fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your
justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.*

*The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.*

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

*Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,

*we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing
grasp.*

*This saving word that our
forebears heard
is the promise which holds us
bound,
till the spear and rod can be
crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.*

Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you
bring.*

*Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn*

*draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS,
OURSELVES & PRAYER OF
JESUS (VU#959)**

**BEING THE CHURCH
THROUGH SERVICE**
**SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR
MINISTRY**

**†OFFERTORY PRAYER
(Unison)**

**Creator, as we bring before you
ourselves, our time, and our
treasure, may we also feel able**

to bring you our tears, trusting that you feel our sadness, that you help us to carry our burdens and that you will guide us along the path of healing and restoration as individuals, as a congregation, a community and a planet. So be it. Amen.

† HYMN:
My Heart

Spirit, Open
MV#79

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION



**God is here.
The containers are not empty.
Let us remember what the Holy
One has done.
It is good to ground ourselves
in Holy Mystery.**

**Maker of all things,
when the labour of creation was
complete, you looked with
wonder on the new life that was
part of you but separate now.
You counted the tiny atoms and
starlets, marvelling at how perfect
they were.**

You smiled down at the

**creatures most like yourself
and imagined them smiling
back even if it was too early for
that yet. You took delight in all
that you had made.**

You knew the dangers
your creation would face,
and the dubious choices humans
would make.

You knew the pain that lay ahead
for them, and that you would feel
it too,
and you did not regret having
made them, but loved them all
the more.

**And your heart still did
somersaults when you saw
them all grown up,
their innocence gone, with
scars to show for their
troubles,
and all you wanted them... no,
all you want us to know was
that you delight in us still. Your
love and grace never runs out.**

**God, help us to see ourselves
and one another
through your eyes of love.**

**May we take delight in your
creation and as we rejoice,**

**see past the scars to the
beauty underneath,
see not the failures but
immense possibility,
see not empty containers, but
disciples filled with potential
for ministry, reconciliation, and
transformation.**

And so, we state a portion of our reality:

**Holy, holy, holy One
God of justice and love
Heaven and earth are full of
your wonder
Thanks and praise be among
us.**

You, O God, reorder the world
into right-relationship.

You fill up the empty with good
things.

You lift high those made low.

You humble the arrogant.

You hear the earth groaning
under capitalism and
consumption

and your fire burns in the hearts
of your prophets.

**With this hope and assurance,
we turn to the witness of Jesus
whose teachings reveal the
way to liberation. We seek his**

**wisdom. We practice his
courage. We remember his
radical commitment to love.**

In remembrance of that love
which fills us up
We proclaim the mystery of our
faith:
**Christ was birthed among us.
Christ was executed among us.
Christ rises again among us.**

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

May the Spirit come and settle
upon these gifts

making this bread and this cup be
for us a Holy Encounter.

Reminding us that Christ is with
us.

That Resurrection is a promise
granted to us.

That the Kingdom is always closer
than we can imagine.

May we be nourished, that we
might nourish others. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL OF CHRIST

The Bread of solidarity. Amen.

The Cup of blessing. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

COMMUNION PRAYER

Beloved One, if we grow weary in love and find our spirits running low, may this meal live on as a reminder of what sustains us. In seeking the flourishing you intend for us, our neighbors, and this planet, keep our hearts tender, our spirits alive, and our senses attuned to the beauty that surrounds. With gratitude for your abiding presence, we pray.

Amen.

†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

†HYMN Go, Make a
Diff'rence MV#209

Refrain

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Verse 1

*We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.*

Refrain

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Verse 2

*We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.*

*We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.*

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Refrain

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Verse 3

*So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.*

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

*And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.*

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Refrain

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

*Go make a diff'rence
In the world.*

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader – Rev. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant – Julian Narayan; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier*