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You are...Wanted...Included...Affirmed

Sunday, September 10, 2023 - 10:00 am

Theme: Courageous Daughters of Zelophehad

† indicates stand as you are able

Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices

VU = Voices United

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



GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

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

Be welcomed.

All: Be present.

Be a blessing.

LIFE & MINISTRY (Announcements)

THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

GROUNDING SONG: *And on This Path*

MV#8

LIGHT OF CHRIST AND RECONCILIATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We live in the echo of a million stories: of generations past and those yet to come.

**In this place, we tangle past and future,
now and then, memory and vision.**

In this place we worship
the one whose story we inherit keeping it alive
in word and song and story.

Let us worship together.

GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

Holy One, we marvel at the courage of some to speak out about the injustice they've experienced and how systems need to change. We're humbled by their cry for justice and astounded when it is achieved. It reminds us that nothing is impossible when our efforts are grounded in you. Amid increasing disparity and the lines between us and them becoming deeper and harder, remind us of your call to radical inclusivity and a love that moves from the margins inward and not the other way around. Amen.

AFFIRMING GODS LOVE AND GRACE

Reconciling, healing, loved, and freed,
Each of us is a piece of God's embodied Spirit
Filled with
Wonder
Hope,
Passion,
Faith.

Wherever we have been and wherever we may go tomorrow, know this:
Right here, right now, God loves you with a love so deep and so broad
That anything is possible.

**With God's grace and love, we too can dare resurrection in our lives.
As people created in the full complexity of the image of God, we too
can embody reconciliation and healing in the world.**

† **HYMN:** *And Still We Rise* **Projected**
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& Social Action (Eakin Press, 2018). Based on the poem "And still I rise" by
Maya Angelou. Tune: DARWALL 148th VU#213

A STORY FOR THE AGES

*(Lectionary@Home: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149:1-9; Romans 13:8-14;
Matthew 18:15-20)*

FOCUS READINGS: Numbers 27:1-11 (New Revised Version Updated)
Reader: In these words, the Holy becomes known.
Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Nearer My God to Thee*

SERMON: *The Cry Continues*

WE RESPOND

† **HYMN:** *Draw the Circle Wide* **MV#145**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, OURSELVES & SPOKEN PRAYER OF JESUS

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

†OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Creator, bless what we have to give as a means to bring about your justice in the world. Bless our bodies with a sight to notice the people who are too often ignored, dismissed, or labelled unimportant; our hearing to listen well to their stories and hear the truth they contain; our smelling to sniff out where something is wrong; our touch, to reach out as Christ did, and incarnation of your love, embracing all who long to meet a God who meets us where we are, how we are, through imperfect people like us. Amen.

† HYMN: *I Come with Joy* **VU#477**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

†HYMN *Soil of God, You and I (V.1&3)* **MV#174**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader – Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant – Vicki Brown -Pianist – Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Soloist: Diane Kjorven: Adult Choir; Greeter: Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier and Shannon Carson*