

# LARGE PRINT

## Trinity United Church

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

**Sunday, September 3, 2023 - 10:00 am**

**Theme: Miriam's Song and Dance**

† 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, 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

**GROUNDING SONG:**      *And on This Path*                      **MV#8**

## LIGHT OF CHRIST AND RECONCILIATION

### **CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

In this space,  
sacred and holy,  
may we have ears to hear the song of life.

**May we make space  
for our questions and hopes listening to holy words  
and finding their truth.**

And hear the word of God woven into our human poetry and meet  
the one who invites us in word and act and worship.

### **GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)**

**Wondrous God, we bring you our praise, thanksgiving, and  
gratitude for the labour we celebrate this day. As our focus  
shifts summer days to cool fall nights we thank you for the  
skills and abilities you've given each of us. For the ways in  
which we live into them and how we are able to share them  
with one another through this community of faith. Help us to  
continue sharing ourselves, even when it's tough. Help us to  
be resourceful like Miriam so that we can share you love and  
grace in our networks and with people we haven't even met  
yet. 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:**      *Morning Has Broken*

**VU#409**

## A STORY FOR THE AGES

(Lectionary@Home:

Exodus 3:1-5; Psalm 105; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28)

**FOCUS READINGS: Exodus 15:1-11; 20-21**  
**(New Revised Version Updated)**

Reader: In these words, the Holy becomes known.

***Many: Thanks be to God.***

**ANTHEM:** *Choir Selection*

**SERMON:** **In Your Own Right**

### WE RESPOND

† **HYMN:** *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* **MV#30**

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, OURSELVES & SPOKEN PRAYER OF JESUS**

### BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

**SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY**

† **OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

**Strange God, we bring you the gifts that seem to be the ones you value most,**

**the ones you can take and use: not our strength, but our weakness; not all that we know, but all we know we still have to learn; not our goodness, but our willingness to change and grow; not our full wallets, but our empty hands and hearts, ready to receive the treasures that you know we need, and that you alone can give. Amen.**

† **HYMN:** *Spirit God, Be Our Breath* **MV#150**

† **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 Kjørven; Soloist: Diane Kjørven: Adult Choir; Greeter: Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier and Shannon Carson*