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

Sunday, August 27, 2023 - 10:00 am

Theme: Living Together

† 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

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 unity

All: we gather.

Side by side

All: we welcome.

As one

All: we sing.

In partnership

All: we pray.

In concert

All: we listen.

Together

All: we worship.

GATHERING PRAYER (Responsive)

God of immeasurable love, you have no favourites and make no system of hierarchy, where some are valued higher than others.

Forgive us for our apathy, for our lack of courage to speak out against injustice. Forgive us when we walk past and fail to offer solutions.

Forgive us when we get things wrong and add to others' plight.

We confess that we are afraid sometimes— of taking the bold approach and speaking out against discrimination of any kind. We doubt ourselves and our ability to change things. Too often we are slow to come alongside those who are different from us, and especially those who are suffering within prejudicial systems.

We ask that you lead us into action: give us strength to be a voice

crying for justice and peace. Help us peel off our preconceptions and assumptions and be more ready to step into the shoes of others, and to realise the unacceptability of the way so many systems and institutions maintain injustice and prejudice in our world.

May we be a liberating presence and offer love, compassion and whatever is needed: to act justly, love mercy and walk

humbly with you our God. Amen.

AFFIRMING GODS LOVE AND GRACE

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: *Like a Healing Stream*

MV#144

A STORY FOR THE AGES

(Lectionary@Home: **Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:**)

FOCUS READINGS: Ephesians 5:21-33 (New Revised Version Updated)

Reader: In these words, the Holy becomes known.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Choir Selection*

SERMON: **It's Not About Gender**

WE RESPOND

† HYMN: *We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)*

VU#595

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, OURSELVES & SPOKEN PRAYER OF JESUS

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

MINUTE FOR MISSION

†OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Generous God, we give you thanks for this sanctuary and the presence of our faith community in our lives and in Prince George. Bless this offerings as expressions of our ongoing ministry to build sanctuary and support for people in our networks. Help us be your response to the real need in people's lives. Amen.

† HYMN: *Deep in Our Hearts* MV#154

† 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 – Marilyn Blair–Pianist – Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Soloist: Diane Kjorven: Adult Choir; Greeter: Digital Ministry – Bill and Dustin Hudyma