



Trinity United Church

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

Sunday, September 17, 2023 - 10:00 am
Season of Creation: Delight in Me!

† 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, 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: *Take Off Your Shoes*

Projected

LIGHT OF CHRIST AND RECONCILIATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

ONE: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps.

MANY: Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling their command.

ONE: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

MANY: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

ONE: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

MANY: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

ONE: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

MANY: God's glory is above the earth and heavens.

GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

O Spirit, you hear our sighs, and groans, the sadness that weighs us down when our lives are heavy and the world is in pain. Inspire us by the ineffable delights of your Creation. Lift our hearts like the wind in the trees, the birds that soar, and the ascending hills. May we delight in creation as a reminder of the joy we have found in your tender embrace. Amen.

AFFIRMING GODS LOVE AND GRACE

The sheer breadth of creation is astounding.

... through a spirit as close as our breath.

We too will burst into song for a love so deep that we are made whole in the fullness of divine expression. One with the Holy as we walk in the way of Christ.

† HYMN:

For the Beauty of the Earth

VU#226

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: Psalm 129:1-9 (New Revised Version Updated)

Reader: In these words, the Holy becomes known.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *A Joyful Song*

SERMON: *At Play in Creation*

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)

With hills and mountains; stream and oceans; animals and insects we sing your praise, O God. Bless what we offer in this moment that we too might reflect the perfection of creation more fully and share the bounty that you have entrusted to us. Amen.

† HYMN: *This Is God's Wondrous World* **VU#296**

†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

†HYMN *We Praise You for the Sun* **VU#225**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader – Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant –Shannon Carson -Pianist – Hannah Yonghee Kang; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjørven: Adult Choir; Greeter: Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier and Bill Hudyma*

