



## LARGE PRINT

### Trinity United Church

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**Sunday, September 24, 2023 - 10:00**

### **Theme: Forgiveness Falleth as the Gentle Rain Upon the Earth**

† 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:**      *Take Off Your Shoes*      **Projected**

### **LIGHT OF CHRIST AND RECONCILIATION**

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

ONE: Praise the Lord who nurtures and blesses the earth.

**MANY: Praise the Lord who allows all things to grow and flourish.**

ONE: Clear streams and growing trees

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

ONE: Forgive us our trespasses. Let the gentle rain of your forgiveness, nurture us.

**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)**

**God of wonder, your wisdom abounds in each facet of creation. You have given each of us the skills we need to help make the universe all it was intended to be. Sometimes it is very difficult to see how any of that is possible. We see creation being harmed and our skills seem minuscule to the task set before us. Help us draw near to you as we gather in this moment and the moments to come. Ground us in your evolving story and nurture us with your wisdom. Amen.**

### **AFFIRMING GODS LOVE AND GRACE**

The sheer breadth of creation is astounding.

..., Creator calls us into a loving relationship with all that exists, what is seen and unseen, 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:**     *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*     **VU#684**

### **A STORY FOR THE AGES**

(Lectionary@Home: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35)

**FOCUS READINGS:** Matthew 18:21-35 (New Revised Version Updated)

Reader: In these words, the Holy becomes known.

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

**ANTHEM:** *The Joy of Forgiveness*

**SERMON:** *Forgiveness Droppeth as the Gentle Rain Upon the Earth*

**Forgiveness Contemplation**

**WE RESPOND**

† HYMN: Like a Healing Stream MV# 144

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

**BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE**

**SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY**

†OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

**Generous God of love, giver of every good gift, receive the gifts we offer this day, our money, our love, and our faith in you. Give us a desire to give ourselves fully to the work of creating your kin-dom, here on earth as in heaven. Amen.**

† HYMN: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VU#651

†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE**

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY:**  
*Worship Leader – Judy Thomas; Worship Assistant –Karen*

*Hynd -Pianist – Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron;  
Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjørven: Adult Choir; Digital  
Ministry – Rebecca Fillier and John Neumann*