



## Trinity United Church

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

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 10:00 AM**  
**Christmas 1: Gleaming Faith in the Ordinary**  
**Contemplative Service**

† 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, Bundada honzoo*, 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.**

Welcome to this community, with deep traditions and hearts open  
to God

**All: Be present with God and with one another here**

Be welcomed and receive this blessing of presence and  
connection.

#### LIFE & MINISTRY

#### THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you.**

#### LEARNING AND SPEAKING PEACE – Lheidli Dakelh

Peace of Christ be with you – Dez-ghel nawhulh 'unt'oh  
And also with you – Cha nyulh 'unt'oh

#### † HYMN:

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

**MV#75**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: God's promise fulfilled, Christ the Saviour is born to the  
world.

**All: Generations of people before us, and we now  
experience ancient hope in the newborn. In such fulfilment  
and hope we worship.**

One: Praise be to God, the source of all, who is the beginning  
and the end of this spiral path of birth, life, death, and life  
beyond death.

**All: Come, let us walk in this good way, let us belong to one  
another, just as we belong to God**

#### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AND RECONCILIATION

#### GROUNDING IN THE HOLY ONE

#### EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE (Unison)

God's grace is poured out for each one of us, and for the  
world. There is nothing we can do to earn this love and  
grace, as it is freely given, it is meant for us, and always will  
be. There is also nothing we can do to be cut off from God or  
God's all-encompassing, never-ending, always-beginning  
love. In opening ourselves to receive God's grace, we are  
embraced within God's Shalom – a wholeness of being  
grounded in connection and peace. God's Shalom includes  
us, God's love is for us, God's grace is meant for us.

† HYMN: *Bless The Lord My Soul (taize style, sung 6x)*

**TLUS #55**

#### A STORY FOR THE AGES

*Lectionary@Home: Isaiah 11: 1-10, Psalm 72:1-7 & 18-19,  
Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12*

#### FOCUS READINGS: Luke 2:21-40

WA: This is the witness of The Church.

**M: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON: The Light of the World is Here**

**Holy Quiet**

**BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE**

† **HYMN:** *Bless the Lord My Soul (taize hymn, sung 6x)*

**VU#17**

**\*\*The congregation may stay seated for this contemplative hymn\*\***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**VU 960 – Lord's Prayer**

**\*\*The congregation may stay seated for this contemplative hymn\*\***

**SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

**Gracious God, We bring these tokens of our recognition for your abundant gifts. We bring these gifts that they may be transformed by the hands of your community to bring Peace. We bring ourselves that we may share in the co-creating of your loving kin-dom, and that we might too, partake and experience it with others. Holy One, we ask that you would bless these gifts, multiply them, and bring the deep peace of Shalom to your people.**

**Amen.**

† **HYMN:** *When the Wind of Winter Blows* **MV#71**

**†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

†**HYMN:** *Love Us into Fullness* **VU#81**

**POSTLUDE**

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY:** *Worship Leader – Glen Schmidt; Worship Assistant – Jo Kerrigan; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier & Fya Garbutt*

