

Trinity United Church

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You

are...Wanted...Valued...Included...Affirmed

Sunday, December 28th, 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

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 cocreating 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.

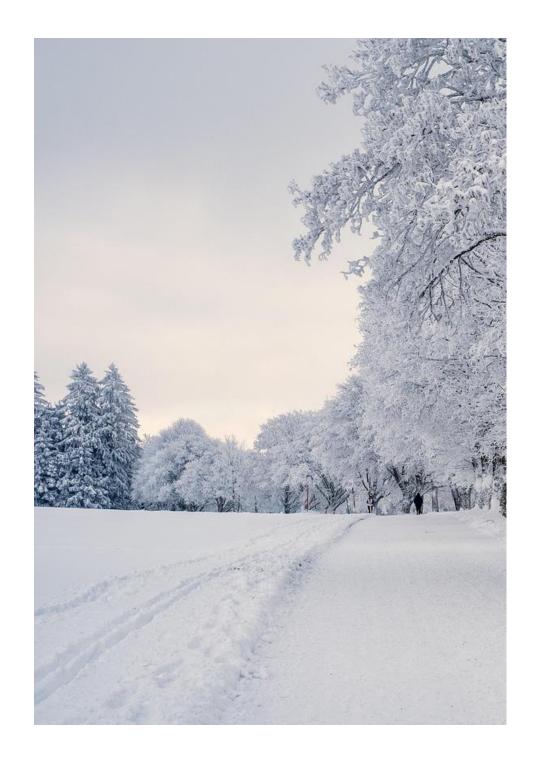
† **HYMN:** When the Wind of Winter Blows **MV#71**

†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



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