

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: **Old Songs of the Gospel**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: God, our creator, has crafted the cosmos with their voice

Many: Our lives are an echo of God's breath over the waters

One: In our United Church, we proclaim God's presence in a Song of Faith

Many: We sing the verses of this song through praise, worship and our living

One: Music is a sacred gift from The Holy One that reaches deep into our spirits

Many: We sing in lament, celebration, calling for justice, and rejoicing in the blessings we have.

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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

GROUNDING IN THE HOLY ONE

EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE (Unison)

God's love and grace is all around us; it is within us, entwining our spirits together in sacred community where each person is affirmed just as they are. We sing of the infinitely-faceted diversity of creation as the true image of God. We embrace the familiar and unfamiliar alike, knowing that God reveals God's self through reverent exploration of mystery, and gracious admiration for the intricacies in creation. As we turn our hearts toward God, we also turn our hearts toward one another; we honour the love we are freely given by loving, protecting and supporting one another. Amen

† HYMN: **Summer Camp Theme**

A STORY FOR THE AGES

Lectionary@Home: Ezekiel 37:1–14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6–11, John 11:1–45

FOCUS READING: **Psalm 130**

WA: Hear what The Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Dem Bones*

SERMON: *Sandy Long*

† HYMN: **The protest songs of the 60's and Today**

HOLY QUIET

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**All: Weaver of Life, Ancient and Unfolding,
How sacred is your Presence!
We lean on your guidance.**

We seek your love.
We open to your transformation.
Provide us bread in body and spirit
to sustain us in faith and solidarity.
Companion us with grace
as we seek to live lives of forgiveness and compassion,
repair and accountability.
We remember those who have supported us
as we seek to support others
in all the mess and glory of this human journey.
Guard our minds and hearts from the temptations of
domination
and turn our loyalty away from all systems of evil.
For the whole cosmos hums with your wisdom.
Everything that lives, returns to your care.
Our thanks and honor to you,
Gracious Web of Existence,
Our Source and our Home.
Amen.

*the Lord's Prayer, enfleshed.com

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

God of abundance and creativity, receive our offerings as they are held up to you now: offered in hope, and in hope against hope, offered from pockets half-empty and overflowing, offered from lives busy and spare. We offer these gifts that they may be transformed by the hands of your community to midwife your loving vision of the world into being. We bring whole selves that we may share in the co-creation of your kin-dom. Holy One, we ask that you would bless these gifts, and multiply them for the crafting of an affirming world.

Amen.

† HYMN: Magic Penny

† COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

† HYMN: Aymen

POSTLUDE



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

Sunday, March 22nd, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Music Nourishes the Fasting Heart

5th Sunday in Lent

† 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



PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader – Sandy Long; Worship Assistant Roberta Long; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Trumpet Player – Diane Kjørven; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjørven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier & Fya Garbutt*