



# Trinity United Church

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

Sunday, October 4, 2020, 10:00am

**Theme: Come to the Table**

† 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 - Anti-Racist

## WE GATHER

### **PRELUDE**

Jesus' lesson at the last supper was clear... the meal of the kingdom of God is for all. Saint, strangers, those who persecute and betray you, those who are joyful and those who weep. The author of the epistle letter to the Romans reminds us and invites us to do as Jesus did—"do not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good." In the words of Jesus, "take up your cross and follow me." This requires that we follow God's way in offering a good meal at God's table for all of God's guests. *What has it been like for you to be a dinner guest? What has it been like to host? When is it easy to welcome people to sit at your table? When has it been a challenge? What might it mean for Trinity United to extend our table?*

### **WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Welcome to this service of worship. We begin by acknowledging the traditional territory upon which we gather this morning. For many thousands of years, the Lheidli T'enneh have sought to walk gently on this land. We seek a renewed relationship with both the Indigenous and Metis Peoples, one based in honour, deep respect, and Right Relations.

### **LIFE & MINISTRY**

### **CHRIST CANDLE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**†SEASONAL HYMN:** *Come to the Table of Grace* Projection

## **GATHERING PRAYER (UNISON)**

You call us to love one another, O God, and when we're our best selves and grounded in you, that's easy enough to do, yet there are times when it's hard to love, especially people who believe, or think, or do differently than us. Help us to embody what it means to overcome evil with God. Help us to see the image of Jesus reflected in the eyes of everyone we meet. Help us to extend our tables so that everyone is wanted, included, and affirmed as part of this sacred community and in so doing help us to follow Jesus out into our community and beyond. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**One:** Jesus' invitation is to come to the table. It isn't come after you've filled out a form in triplicate and answer all the skill testing questions or selected all the images with traffic lights. The invitation is real. It's genuine. It's authentic and it includes all of us, each and every one of us, as people wholly human in the fullness of our diversity. Wanted. Included. Affirmed. Loved by God.

**All:** God's table extends to all of us and so we extend God's table to others. At God's table there is room for each person, not because we're the same, but because we are, each one, loved by God and God's love knows no bounds.

## **Breaking Open the Word with Scripture**

### **SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:9-21**

(Lectionary@Home: Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4B-14; Matthew 21:33-46)

**Reader:** This is part of our Christian story.

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

**ANTHEM:** *Blessed are Those Who are Called to the Table*  
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**SERMON****The Great Invitation****WE RESPOND****HYMN**

All Who Hunger

**VU#460****PASTORAL PRAYERS & The Prayer of Jesus****VU#959****INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS  
GATHERING OUR GIFTS****OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

**God of transformation, We give thanks for your continued promise to care for and sustain all of creation. Help us to follow your example, raising our concern and care for one another and all of creation. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

One: Friends, God is ever present with you!

**People: "And also with you!"**

Two: Listen! (pause) The body breathes in together... and out. As close as breath, the Holy is present with us, uniting us through life given so graciously to all of Creation. (pause) So we lift up our hearts.  
**People: "We lift them up to God!"**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Holy Living One because it is the right thing to do, not only now, but always, for "always" is when God is with us. We thank you, Creator God, that you formed every one of us in your image—conveying the limitless diversity of who you are.

Two: We thank you, Sustainer God, that you are here with us and call us to be with one another across lines that divide us by nation and location, ways of worshiping you, language and creed.

One: We thank you God for breathing into us the breath of life. Even when we have turned away, you have remained with us, close as breath. We remember and honor that this same breath unites us all as your

children and as your body in the world.

Two: And so, we open our eyes, our hands and our hearts to your will for us as told to us through your prophets. We join our voices together praising you along with all who do, have ever done so and ever will do so, repeating:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy God!**  
**Everywhere we see your Glory!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**... and the widest...**  
**... and the deepest...**  
**... core of our being.**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Blessed is your Son who came to preach the good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

Two:  
Listen people! (pause)  
The Lord is with you.  
He healed the sick,  
fed the hungry...  
and sat down at the table and ate with people, especially those others considered "unworthy" or "different" or "not my kin" or "other."  
Let us remind ourselves by saying "The Lord is present with everyone."  
**People: "The Lord is present with everyone."**

One: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples.

**People:**  
**"This is my body which is for you.**  
**Do this in remembrance of me."**

Two: When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples.

**People:**  
“This cup is the new covenant.  
Do this as often as you drink it  
in remembrance of me.”

Two:  
Let us be a community of messengers, proclaiming and reminding each other and creation that:

**"Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again."**

**Presider:**  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these  
gifts of bread and  
juice. Let them be for us the body and blood of Christ so that  
we may be for, and  
with, the world the body of Christ, liberated by life and  
witness to our connection  
with God and with one another. Be with us, Holy Spirit, fill us  
so you can move  
through us, making change in the world for the good of all  
people.  
By your spirit we are one with Christ, the host of this table,  
and one with each other. Let this joy be seen in us outside  
of this place. It is with  
great thanks that all God's people say, "Amen!"

## **THE BREAD IS BROKEN – THE CUP IS POURED**

## SHARING THE ELEMENTS

This morning if you are at home:

You are invited to gather your own elements. Have them with you so that when we share in communion online you can share with us.

If you are in-person:

You will be served where you sit. Please wait for the server to arrive and take one plate (it will have a communion cup of juice and a rice cracker on it). Please wait for everyone to be served so we can share in communion together. Afterwards, please stack and leave the plates and cups on your chair. They will be collected when everyone has left the sanctuary.

The Bread of Life.  
**Amen!**

The Cup of the new covenant.  
**Amen!**

**WE SERVE**

## **†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION**

## **HYMN**      Sent for by God's Blessing

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POSTLUDE

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY:** Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant – Marion Bartlett; Pianists – Angela Alba and Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier and Dean.