Trinity United Church

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Sunday, August 16, 2020, 10:00am Theme: The Focus of Forgiveness

† 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

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

GATHERING SONG And On This Path

MV #8

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is dew on the ground. It reminds us of God's blessing of life evermore.

All: There is a song in the air. It reminds us of God's presence in joyful melody.

One: Look! Behold how good it is when we gather together in worship.

All: It is a precious time reminding us that we are God's own.

One: Come then, people of God; let us worship in thanksgiving and praise.

All: Let us feel the anointing of God like the oil of forgiveness and the balm of healing. Come, let us worship.

GATHERING PRAYER

One: Loving Creator, we gather to be reminded of Your mercy. May our lives be filled with your grace and peace.

All: As we take in the beauty of music, the wisdom of words, the nourishment of silence, the strength of fellowship, may our thoughts and actions be inspired by Your creativity and grounded in Your truth.

One: Help us recognize ourselves as a part of Your wonderful creation and may we be assured that You do not hold us away in anger and judgment but draw us near in forgiveness and joy.

All: As we approach You in worship today, recognize us as Your beloved family. Assure us of Your unending forgiveness of our shortcomings and of Your love. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God knows the freedom of forgiveness. God does not hold on to anger and resentment but rejoices in the instant we join in the freedom of letting go and beginning again. In this, let us be assured of His pardon.

CHRIST CANDLE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

†HYMN Seek Ye First the Kingdom

VU# 356

Breaking Open the Word with Scripture

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 45: 1-15 (NSRV)

(Lectionary@Home: Psalm 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6–8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32; Matthew 15:(10–20), 21–28)

ANTHEM Performed by Diane Kjorven

SERMON The Focus of Forgiveness

WE RESPOND

†HYMN Draw the Circle Wide

MV #145

PASTORAL PRAYERS & The Prayer of Jesus

VU #959

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS GATHERING OUR GIFTS – **Music by Vic Steblin**

☆OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Dear Lord: As we bring forward our gifts, we also bring forward our intentions to let go of all that imprisons us. Receive this offering as hope for the future of Your church, and Your world. Receive us as Your children, united and made whole. Amen

WE SERVE

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

†HYMN Go Make a Difference

MV #209

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: Worship Leader – Fred Speckeen; Worship Assistant – Doug Hofstead; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Anthem – Diane Kjorven; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Digital Ministry – John Neumann and Dean Appleton; Projection Builder – John Neumann; Worship Hosts – Jim Reid and Betty Belado