



## Trinity United Church

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

**Sunday, December 20, 2020, 10:00 am**

**Theme: Advent 4 – Death-Defying Acts**

✚ 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**

This week we continue our Advent series: God Bless Us Every One! The series is based on Dicken's classic novel, "A Christmas Carol". This week we focus on Scrooge's experience of Christmas present and the call to "look upon me" and really see what's going on. Many of us are so engaged with what we're doing that we often don't see what's happening around us. If we're honest we might even say that we don't want to see, that ignorance really is bliss, that the news is just too hard to hear. Scrooge went about his daily routines ignoring what was happening to his fellow human beings. The systems of his day filled work houses, prisons, jails, and orphanages. It was easier to institutionalize people than deal with the social and cultural changes that were needed. *What systems are like that for us? How has the pandemic hindered or helped your ability to see society as it really is? Where do you see Tiny Tim in your life?*

#### **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**

#### **CANDLES OF ADVENT**

#### **✚HYMN**

#### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

#### **SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:18-19 & Romans 8:4b-17**

(Lectionary@Home: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Psalm 89:1-4,19-26; Romans 16:25-27;  
Luke 1:26-38)

Reader: This is part of our Christian story.

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

#### **DRAMATIC READING**

**SERMON:** What's Our Ending?

#### **WE RESPOND**

#### **✚HYMN**

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & The Prayer of Jesus**  
*"Ring Out Your Truth"*

**VU#959**

INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS  
GATHERING OUR GIFTS

#### **✚OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

**With grateful hearts we acknowledge that the future is not yet written. There is time for us to make changes. May our gifts be tangible symbols of our commitment to embody the hope of Christmas future in our everyday interactions as we live into being the people of Christ, right here, right now. Amen.**

#### **WE SERVE**

#### **✚COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION**

#### **✚HYMN**

#### **POSTLUDE**

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY:** Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant – Allan Reed; Pianist - Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjørven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier, Dustin Hudyma and Dean Appleton