

# Trinity United Church

January 24, 2021

Third After Epiphany

**Welcome to Trinity United Church. We strive to be a safe community for all; regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, religious affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identification. We are all invited guests of God.**

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**We acknowledge that for many thousands of years the indigenous people of Turtle Island walked on this land. We are thankful to share in the special spirit of this place, rich in the energy of Mother Earth and the love of all Creation.**

**Lighting the Christ Candle (v 1 78 Sing till Sundown)**

***Sing till sundown, hum your joy,  
Dress in starlight, girl and boy.  
Man and woman climb the hill,  
Warmed beyond December's chill,  
Reeling, clapping, touch the air:  
Is that fragrant music there?  
Come the glory, gone the gloom:  
In a wondrous huddled room.  
Christ the Word we've longed to know  
Calls us dancing though the snow.***

**Announcements**

**"A Prayer of Wholehearted Commitment" by John Shea**

*Lord, you have the biblical reputation of taking people places they never wanted to go.*

*Witness Jonah, delivered by whale to Nineveh*

*And Habakkuk flown by angel to Babylon.*

*Also, I have heard you do not consult.*

*Abraham suddenly ordered from Haran*

*And Moses called out of retirement for the Egypt assignment.*

*Furthermore, Paul says you take a chiropodist's delight in Achilles heels, spurn eloquence for the stutter and reveal yourself in the thorns of the flesh.*

*And what was this unpleasantness with your Son shortly before his appointment at the Right Hand?*

*So it is that to You my most resounding "Yes" is a "maybe" and it is with one eye on the door that I say "Behold, Lord, your servant waiteth!"*

**Hymn 18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary** from More Voices (sing through twice)

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy tried and true;  
With thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***



## Trinity Shawl Blessing Liturgy

Ever present God, trusting in your love beyond all love and your grace beyond all grace, we gather together in community to give thanks that your love can speak in so many ways including through these simple shawls.

Just as their yarn was stitched together by caring hands in prayer, we too add our prayers and seek your blessing on their journey.

*Loving God, we ask that you bless these shawls and the people who will receive them, both known and unknown to us, but always known to you.*

*In the warmth of the shawl's yarn, we pray that they may feel the warmth of your love enfolding them.*

*In the many stitches of the shawl's fabric, we pray that they may know they are held in many prayers.*

*In the blessing of the quiet words within the shawl's folds, we pray that each person may know*

*the blessing of your comfort.*

*And in all things, we pray that they may know they are not alone.*

*Your healing strength surrounds them, and our community of care upholds them.*

*In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

## Psalm 65

### *Hymn 103 Ka Mana'o 'I 'O from More Voices*

*Ka m-na-'o I' 'O o kokou A-ku – a.*

*Faithful, faithful is our God.*

*Ka mn-na-'o 'I 'O o ko ka-kou A-ku – a.*

*Faithful, faithful is our God.*

*In love there is no one more faithful than our God, who brings the light in to our darkness.*

*The God who shares the breath of life with you and me,*

*All living things upon the earth.*

*Ka m-na-'o I' 'O o kokou A-ku – a.*

*Faithful, faithful is our God.*

*Ka mn-na-'o 'I 'O o ko ka-kou A-ku – a.*

*Faithful, faithful is our God.*

*In quiet moments God whispers tenderly*

*The mystery of unending love.*

*For God is good, and holds us as we sleep,*

*To wake us to the morning light.*

*Ka m-na-'o I' 'O o kokou A-ku – a.*

*Faithful, faithful is our God.*

*Ka mn-na-'o 'I 'O o ko ka-kou A-ku – a.*

*Faithful, faithful is our God.*

*The mercy of our God we seek to share each day, to help each other on our way,*

*to be God's hands and heart with tenderness and care.*

*God's faithfulness is always there.*

*Ka m-na-'o I' 'O o kokou A-ku – a.*

*Faithful, faithful is our God.*

*Ka mn-na-'o 'I 'O o ko ka-kou A-ku – a.*

*Faithful, faithful is our God.*

*When we share love, we share respect and care,  
The gifts and bonds of human kindness.*

*And in our journey, may love lead the way.*

*To be God's living, sing this day.*

*Gospel Mark 1: 14-20 (calling of disciples)*

*Older Testament Jonah 3: 1- 10 (story of Jonah)*

*Sermon "God's Gambit" Rev. Brian Goodings*

*Pastoral and Lord's Prayer 959 in Voices United*

*Invitation and Acknowledgement of Offerings*

*Prayer of Dedication*

*Hymn 127 I Saw the Rich Ones from More Voices*

*I saw the rich ones I saw what they gave  
the widow who offered two pennies she'd saved  
and I saw she was smiling I knew she was glad  
and I wondered because she gave all that she had*

*But with God the world is turned upside down  
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found.  
Let's work for a world where all people are free  
Where it's good to feel good about  
God loving you and me.*

*I saw Zacheus, a sinner they said  
But to his house I saw Jesus go to the break bread  
And I knew something special had happened that  
day  
When Zacheus gave half of his riches away*

*But with God the world is turned upside down  
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found.  
Let's work for a world where all people are free  
Where it's good to feel good about  
God loving you and me.*

*Men in the vineyards were grumbling one day  
I knew they weren't happy with what they'd been  
paid  
For the ones who came later were paid just the  
same  
As the workers who greeted the dawn when they  
came*

*But with God the world is turned upside down  
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found.  
Let's work for a world where all people are free  
Where it's good to feel good about  
God loving you and me.*

## **Benediction 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us**

*May the God of hope go with us everyday,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

*Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our  
joy with all, working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

*May the God of healing free the world from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.*

*Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our  
joy with all, working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

**Postlude**