

# Trinity United Church

January 31, 2021

Fourth 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**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Beloved God, you enfold all creation with possibility and future. You are the God of cold nights and brittle days; the warming hearth that beckons while winds blow and water is sealed by ice. You are the God of shimmering northern lights that dance across the sky in festive celebration. You are the One who give us The Way of Christ: life-giver, church-maker, community-grower, healer, abiding-light. In you we find our eternal life and full-health. AMEN**

## **Hymn 171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours from More Voices**

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
to serve with the joy of compassion.

No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,  
No hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,  
No touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
to serve with the joy of compassion.

No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,  
To find the lost, to gaze with compassion;  
No eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God.

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
to serve with the joy of compassion.

No feet but yours to journey with the poor,  
To walk this world with mercy and justice.  
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the  
children of God.

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
to serve with the joy of compassion.

Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need:  
As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,  
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be to the people of God.

**Older Testament Deuteronomy 18: 15-20**  
**(words of God)**

***Hymn 620 Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit***

“Silence, frenzied, unclean spirit!”  
cried God’s healing Holy One.  
“Cease your ranting!  
Flesh can’t bear it, flee as night before the sun.”  
At Christ’s words the demon trembled,  
from its victim madly rushed,  
while the crowd that was assembled  
stood in wonder, stunned and hushed.

Lord, the demons still are thriving  
in the gray cells of the mind:  
tyrant voices, shrill and driving,

twisted thoughts that grip and bind,  
doubts that stir the heart to panic,  
fears distorting reason’s sight,  
guilt that makes our loving frantic,  
dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit  
in our mind and in our heart;  
speak your word that when we hear it,  
all our demons shall depart.  
Clear our thoughts and calm our feeling;  
Still the fractured, warring soul.  
By the power of your healing  
Make us faithful, true and whole.

**Epistle 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 8: 1-13 (Idols)**  
**Gospel Mark 1: 21-28 (Healing begins)**

**Sermon “*Shadow of Faith*” Rev. Brian Goodings**

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

**Invitation and Acknowledgement of Offerings**  
**Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn 619 Healer of Our Every Ill***  
**Healer of our every ill,**  
**Light of each tomorrow,**  
**give us peace beyond our fear,**  
**and hope beyond our sorrow.**

You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness.  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

**Healer of our every ill,  
Light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding.  
Give us all your vision, God of love.

**Healer of our every ill,  
Light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother.  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

**Healer of our every ill,  
Light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing.  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

**Healer of our every ill,  
Light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**Benediction 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us  
*May the God of hope go with us every day,  
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 earth 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**