Trinity United Church

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You are…Wanted…Included…Affirmed

Sunday, October 10, 2021, 10:00 am
Theme: Job's Seeking

✞ 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 – Being Anti-Racist – Affirming All

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LIFE & MINISTRY
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & CANDLE OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

✞HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* **VU#660**

AFFIRMING GOD'S LOVE
Anger at God. Feeling distant from God. Searching and never finding God. These are all very human experiences that we often project onto God. If we feel anger towards God, then God must be angry with us. If we feel distant from God, God must be distant from us. If we are searching and cannot find, then God must be absent and missing, yet all the scriptures tell us the opposite. Far from being absent and missing, God is as close as our breath. Far from being distant, God surrounds us in every vibrating string of creation. Far from being angry with us, God's love is limitless and welcomes each of us into a oneness with Holy Mystery that can quell the hottest anger.
God's love for us is never ending. While we might withhold affection or care, God never does. In this holy community God's love creates space for each and every one of us to be fully loved, valued, included, and affirmed.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL
The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

THEME CONVERSATION
(All of our kids and youth are invited to join gather at the front before heading out to Trinity Kids)

✞HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* **VU#288**

A STORY FOR THE AGES

(Lectionary@Home: Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31)

Focus Reading: *Job 23:1-9, 16-17 (NIV)*

Reader: This is part of our Christian story.
Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: **A Thanksgiving Prayer**
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SERMON: **Searching in the Dark**

WE RESPOND

✞HYMN: *Long before the Night (This Ancient Love)* **VU#282**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, OURSELVES & PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

SHARING OUR GIFTS

✞OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)
You, O God, are greater and wiser and more generous than we can ever comprehend. Our response is rooted in our deepest love; hardest questions; stubborn perseverance; effervescent joy; bitterest sorrow; frankest honesty; truest integrity; wettest tears; and heartiest laughter. Our response is rooted in our whole selves and the call you have placed on our lives. These gifts, they do matter and so we do our best to offer the money too, which only matters when offered alongside and in community. Amen.

✞COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

✞HYMN *May God's Sheltering Wings* **MV#214**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader - Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant – Katherine Tuck; Pianist – Vic Steblin: Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier*