



Trinity United Church

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

Sunday, December 5, 2021, 10:00 am

Theme: Something Bigger: Holy Family

✠ 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

ADVENT REFLECTION

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

Hymn:

All Earth is Waiting

VU#5

GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

In the desert, strangers are also angels,
messengers of courage amid shifting sands.

We listen for the coming of God's peaceful word.

As the earth spins in infinity; as the years roll onward
and empires rise and fall,

God calls us to prepare the way for justice and dignity.

God invites us into the work of preparation,
making room in our hearts and lives for the Christ child's birth.

Come, long-expected one – Word and vision of peace.

CANDLES OF ADVENT

AFFIRMING GOD'S LOVE

Like the stars in the night sky that we know are there, yet can never count, God's love for us is limitless. In our season of preparing and waiting, God's grace is already moving us towards a relationship that can transform us. Know that as we wait, look, see, and act that God already loves you. The size or value of your present isn't God's concern. You are and you are enough.

From this place of love we move inward so that we can move outward trusting that in the midst of transformation, in the midst of times we do not love ourselves nor feel loved by others, God's love is enough.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

A STORY FOR THE AGES

(Lectionary@Home: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; & Philippians 1:3-11)

Focus Reading: Luke 3: 1-6 (Video)

Friends as we have watched and listened, we acknowledge that
this is part of our Christian story.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

My Christmas Prayer by Bruce Carleton

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SERMON:

Saying Yes?

WE RESPOND

✠HYMN:

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Projection

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, COMMUNITY, & OURSELVES with PRAYER OF JESUS

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

SHARING OUR GIFTS

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

At the river, John invited all people
to renew their covenant
with God and with their neighbour.
At that same river, Jesus began his ministry
of peace through justice,
God's covenant is shared with all people.
In this time and place, we offer
our time, talent and treasure
as covenant people, preparing the way of the Human
One. Amen.

✠HYMN: *What Child is This* **VU#74**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

May God be with us,
God is here among us.
Let us open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to God
We open them to God and one another.
Let us give thanks to God,
It is right to give out thanks and praise.

Beloveds of God,

...
May we bring that invitation and vision to all those we meet
along the journey.
May it be so.
Amen.

INSTITUTION NARRATIVE

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE MEAL

Bread for the journey. **Amen.**
The Cup of Advent transformation. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, as we continue our Advent pilgrimage may these symbols of grain and grape remind us of the something bigger you are doing right before our eyes. May our hunger for compassion never be satisfied and our thirst for transformation never be quenched as the Bethlehem star beckons us deeper into a life-changing relationship with you, creation, and one another. Amen.

✠COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

✠HYMN *Dream a Dream v1* **MV#158**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY:

Worship Leader - Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant – Marion Bartlett; Candle Lighters: Dave and Mary Duck; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier; Visual Liturgy – WorshipCollective.ca