Trinity United Church

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You are…Wanted…Included…Affirmed

Sunday, December 12, 2021, 10:00 am

Theme: Something Bigger: Shepherds, Sheep, & Angels

✞ 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: *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **VU#36**

GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)
The crowds came to John with expectation, to hear God's word for them.
"Teacher, what shall we do?"

"Make the crooked ways straight, and mend the broken soul."
What does that require of us?
Faith in the face mystery.
Care in the midst of confusion.
Joy and thanksgiving for life and love.

Let us come, with open hearts, to share in God's gift of grace.

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: Zephaniah 3:4-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:1-18)

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: The Love and Light of Christmas
(Featuring: **O Radiant Star** - words and music by Steve Kupferschmid; **Rejoice! Rejoice!** - Aaron David Miller; **Long Time Ago** - words and music by Natalie Sleeth, adapted and arranged by Jean Anne Shafferman; Violinist – Allison Bell; ; **A Child so Small, A Star So Bright.** - Hal H. Hopson; ; **Christmas Calypso** - Robert W Jones, Tom Yalanis, Harold Lorimer; **From Bethlehem** – Phyllis Wolfe; **My Christmas Prayer** - Bruce Carleton)

WE RESPOND

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)
Joy is in the giving and receiving:
grateful, free and true.
Joy is in the work of loving:
our mutual growing and mending.
Joy is God's gift for all.
Joy is in our service:
to God, creation, and one another. Amen.

✞HYMN: *Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness* **VU#28**

✞COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

✞HYMN *Dream a Dream v1* **MV#158**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader - Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant – Les Waldie; Narrators – Emery and Geraldine Cawsey; Violinist – Allison Bell; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier; Visual Liturgy – WorshipCollective.ca*