



Trinity United Church

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

Sunday, March 6, 2022, 10:00 am

**Theme: Disruption and Deliverance:
Delivered from Evil**

† 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



disrupted but delivered, it's there
the light still shines the light is still there
we tread this lonely landscape
following, transforming, surrendering
we are yours we are yours
the light still shines

Silence

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathering Prayer (Unison)

Creator, as our Lenten journey begins ground us in you. Help us appreciate the disruption of desert moments when we are tempted to give in to those mindsets that justify our rightness, our correctness, our justness. Help us recognize that it is when our regular routines are forced to pivot, that your Spirit is able to work a little holy disruption in us and through us so that together the gospel can be enfleshed in a way that reflects the glory of all your people. Amen.

AFFIRMING GOD'S LOVE

Sometimes our lives are disrupted.

...Just God's love for us pulling us towards something different.

We choose whether to resist the pull of God's grace or accept its presence in our lives. Whether we choose it or not, the Holy One still holds us in a radical love that transcends our perceptions and self-imposed limitations. In God's grace each and every one of us is valued, included, wanted, and affirmed.

2022 OFFICIAL BOARD COVENANTING

THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

A STORY FOR THE AGES

(Lectonary@Home: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-1,9-16; Romans 10:8b-13)

LENTEN PSALMS: Psalm 91:1-2,9-12 (Video or VU p.807)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
LIFE & MINISTRY
THE DISRUPTION OF LENT

The Light Still Shines (Sung)

Refrain:

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Temptation it is real
you're hungry you're alone
wing lifted to the wind,
but which path takes you home?

Refrain:

The light still shines the light is still there

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

†HYMN: *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights* VU#108

FOCUS READING: Luke 4:1-13 – First Nations New Testament (Video)

Reader: In these pieces of Christian witness, we see Christ.
Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *He Has Overcome the World*
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LENTEN REFLECTION: Delivered from Evil

SERMON: *True to Our Mission*

WE RESPOND

†HYMN: *To the Desert Jesus Came* VU#113

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, OURSELVES & PRAYER OF JESUS

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

**INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS
SHARING OUR GIFTS & MINUTE FOR M&S**

†OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Our deliverance from temptation takes many forms, part of which is how we respond to the pull of God's presence and the disruptive temptations we face each day. Holy One, bless these symbols of passion, time, skill, faith, and finances, and use them to bring about some holy disruption in our world as we build the kin-dom of your presence one action at a time. Amen.

†HYMN: *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* VU#115

†COMMISSIONING and BENECTION

†HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Waiting* (Vs. 1&5) VU#117

POSTLUDE

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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Let us lift up our hearts.

It is right and good to offer God our thanks and praise.

Long ago, so long it was before time was even a construct
You, Holy One brought together elements and forces
That exploded into a cosmos
Containing the perfect blend required for life.

From that expression of Divine disruption
Earth was formed.
And over the eons, as the planet cooled
An environment emerged that eventually supported human life.

Again, and again holy disruption moved upon creation.
Like a magnet pulling us along
The Spirit called forth the best of our common humanity.

It continues to pull us from our biases.
To live into being anti-racist.

To strive for reconciliation with our Indigenous, Inuit, and Métis siblings.

To celebrate God's image in every expression, identity, and orientation under the rainbow.

To uplift the ability of each and every person.

To proclaim that all are valued, included, and wanted.

To ensure that at your table there is always room for one more.

Eventually your holy disruption took form in the person of Jesus.
He disrupted systems.

Turned common perceptions upside down.

Offered a way of deliverance from oppression, greed, violence, and separation.

Called us into a different kind of community one based on love, compassion, and justice.

Yet we often do not accept that way.

Instead, we insist we know better.

That our needs, our political systems are more important

And we give into the temptation that our divinity is equal to yours.

And so we remember your way and re-member ourselves to you.

We remember the last meal Jesus shared with his friends.

We remember the holy disruption of washing feet.

We remember the words that were used, "do this in remembrance of me."

We remember the betrayal that happened.

We remember women being the only ones who stayed with Jesus.

We remember Jesus' death.

And we remember the resurrection.

From that remembering we proclaim the mystery of our faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

BREAD IS BROKEN – CUP IS Poured (Blessing the Elements)

Holy One, send your spirit upon these everyday symbols

That they might become for us your embodied disruption in the world.

Through your spirit may we be pulled from the ashes of life

And toward the palms of deliverance. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please come forward to receive starting with the back rows. You are invited to come forward using the centre aisle. You will be given a rice cracker and a small cup of juice. Please return to your seat via the side aisles. Please wait until everyone has been served before eating and drinking. If you are online, please gather the elements you need to participate and wait until everyone has been served so we can share in communion together wherever we are located. All cups are filled with grape juice.

The bread of life shared with you

Amen,

The cup of love shared with you.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Through your holy disruption the potential of deliverance enters in. In the breaking open of grain and grape the possibilities of new life become reality. In our remembering and reconnecting to you we become whole. O God, may what we have done here ground us, inspire us, and pull us as we seek to be your people. Amen.

COMMUNION



2022 OFFICIAL BOARD COVENANTING

The church recognizes the diverse gifts of its members, and celebrates the particular ministry of each person. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. **There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served. Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.** All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

Statement of Purpose

Friends, we celebrate with joy and gratitude that you have been called by God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing, an honour, and a responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us, with us, and on our behalf. We thank you for who you are and challenge you to offer your best to God, and to all God's people.

A New Creed

As we prepare to commit ourselves to a sacred covenant, let us affirm for ourselves and one another the faith that grounds us, sustains us, and transforms us.

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Covenant Questions and Promises:

As you come to assume the duties of your office, let us make a covenant before God and with one another.

Congregation: As a disciple of Jesus Christ, will you continue to live out your faith with praise and thanksgiving? Will you carry out your responsibilities and duties with Trinity United Church with integrity and joy?

Board Members: I will, God being my helper.

Rev. Bob: Will you, the members of Trinity United Church, honour the leadership of these people? Will you assist them through daily prayer, generous support, and personal example, so that, together, we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We will, God being our helper.

PRAYER:

Loving God, you have called these people to serve you. Send your Holy Spirit upon them and upon us all that we may keep the promises we have made today. Help them to fulfill their responsibilities. May their leadership help us all to reflect your love and grace always. Amen.

Declaration:

In the name of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we recognize and affirm you in your ministry as Trinity United's Official Board for 2022.