Trinity United Church

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

Sunday, September 25, 10:00 am Theme: Across A Great Chasm

†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

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LIFE & MINISTRY (Announcements)

CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING SONG:

All Who Are Thirsty

MV#4

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

LITANY FOR NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

All: Today we acknowledge:

L: a dark side to the history of Canada. Where settler peoples have reaped the benefits of the land by pushing aside Indigenous people in order to seize their land.

All: Today we lament:

L: the attempted erasure of Indigenous peoples by Canada through the Indian Act which criminalized the practice of traditions, cultures, and mandated the seizure and indoctrination of children in residential schools.

All: Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words, so we stand respectfully in silent lament:

L: for the children who died while in custody of residential schools, died of active abuse, died of lonely hearts and separation from family.

All: Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words, so we stand in silent respect:

L: for the families and communities who mourn, mourn their children who did not come home from residential schools, mourn the disruption of family and way of life, mourn the exploitation and desecration of their traditional lands.

Pause in silence

L: In gratitude to God who demonstrated the way of reconciliation with us.

All: We commit to walking together in a new way acknowledging the true history and place of Indigenous Peoples on this land, acknowledging the treaty relationships we live within on this land, living with respect, listening and learning as we move forward on the path of true reconciliation.

AFFIRMING GOD'S LOVE

The world tells us, 'you're different'; 'you're other'; 'here's the line between us'; 'you're not like me.' The love of God shown to us in Jesus tells a different story. Instead of a chasm that can't be crossed, a bridge of love and acceptance is built. Instead of a gap that separates us into easy social groups, an ever-widening circle of relationships is created. In God's love there is no gap between you and the divine. No chasm that cannot be crossed because you are created in the image of God with all your flaws and wonders. You are loved by God.

The circle of God's love includes you. It includes me. Together we weave a tapestry of community that is varied and wonderfully made. We are loved by God and together we build bridges of grace in the world.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

† HYMN: God the Sparrow VU#229

A STORY FOR THE AGES

(Lectionary@Home: Jeremiah 32:1-3a Psalm 91:1-6,14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19)

FOCUS READING: Luke 16:19-31

Reader: In this piece of Christian witness, we see Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: He Has Overcome the World

SERMON: Mind the Gap

WE RESPOND

† **HYMN**: We Are Pilgrims **VU595**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, OURSELVES & PRAYER OF JESUS (VU#960)

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

†OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Generous God, you have entrusted us with much. Not only have you entrusted creation to our care, but you've also entrusted us with the care of one another. As we offer these symbols of our commitment to being your people of light and love in the world, we ask your blessing upon them and those who offer them. Together may we bring light where there is darkness. Amen.

† HYMN: In Christ There Is No East or West VU#606

†COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

Leader: Thinking, praying, looking, understanding

All: we will walk with you.

Leader: Asking, listening, wondering, hoping

All: we will walk with you.

Leader: Serving, sharing, receiving, giving

All: we will walk with you.

Leader: Amen today,

All: Amen tomorrow.

Leader: We will walk with you, God, All: we will walk with each other.

†HYMN May God's Sheltering Wings

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: Worship Leader - Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant – Em Cawsey; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Adult Choir; Greeter – John Neumann; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier Sunday, September 25, 10:00 am Theme: Across A Great Chasm

