

Trinity Memorial United Church
Sunday, February 5th, 2023, 10:00am
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

We Approach

Words of Welcome and Announcements:

Acknowledgement of the Peoples of the Land:

It is with gratitude that we gather this day to worship our creator. We acknowledge that we worship on the unceded territory of the People of the Fraser River. May God be amidst the work of reconciliation so that all people may be blessed by this land and, knowing gratitude, become whole.

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle:

We light this Candle to acknowledge that for many who do not conform to the societal gender norms hope is sparse. May all people, no matter their gender identity, physical capabilities, ethnic origins be able fully participate in all aspects of our shared life and ministry and feel safe. This is our hope that through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit we become a spiritual home, safe, nurturing, and welcoming.

Procession of the Bible

Hymn: MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story
Telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
Justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current;
Flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story
Telling Creation that we are one.

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Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship:

Creator God,
We know that you are present in all places,

Yet, there are times when we don't feel your presence,
**because our minds are filled with all the troubles of the
World.**

We forget there are also many good things happening and
many people of good will who are trying to make the World a
better place.

**With our inability to solve the World's problems and with
the constant barrage of bad news, we feel overwhelmed.**

We forget that the only thing we are asked to change is
ourselves

**And the only way to accomplish this change is through Your
guidance.**

Let this short hour of prayer still our minds and restore our
faith in You.

**Allow us to be the salt of the earth where, even a tiny amount
of savour, can add flavour to the world that surrounds us.**

Restore in us a sense of wonder, the knowledge that, even in
our times of deep despair, your guiding hand is there to sustain
us: often in the form of a friend, a caring professional or,
sometimes, a stranger.

**In the words of the psalmist in Psalm 23: He restores my soul.
He leads me in the right paths for His names' sake.**

Hymn: VU 357 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (Verse 1)

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

Opening Prayer

Learning with our Children

Hymn: VU 357 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (Verse 2)

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
All in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

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Hymn: VU 299: Teach Me, God, to Wonder

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
Let your world of beauty capture me.

Refrain:

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
Let your world of people speak to me.

Refrain:

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
In your world of loving my place take.

Refrain:

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
See you in my neighbour when we meet.

Refrain:

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

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We Listen and Reflect

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 112

Isaiah 58: 9b -12

Matthew 5:13-20

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And God's righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Hallelu, hallelujah.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;

Seek and you shall find;

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Hallelu, hallelujah.

We do not live by bread alone,

But by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of God.

Hallelu, hallelujah.

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Anthem: "Amen"

Afro-American Spiritual

Sermon: "What Does Salt Have to do with the Church?"

Hymn: VU 310: God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

God who touches earth with beauty,

Make my heart anew,

With your spirit recreate me

Pure strong, and true.

Like your springs and running waters,

Make me crystal pure,

Like your rocks of towering grandeur,

Make me strong and sure.

Like your dancing waves in sunlight,
Make me glad and free,
Like the straightness of the pine trees
Let me upright be.

Like the arching of the heavens
Lift my thoughts above,
Turn my dreams to noble action,
Ministries of love.

Like the birds that soar while singing,
Give my heart a song,
May the music of thanksgiving
Echo clear and strong.

God, who touches earth with beauty,
Make my heart anew,
Keep me ever by your Spirit
Pure, strong, and true.

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Gathering of Our Prayers

Hymn: VU 649 Walk with Me (Chorus only, sung twice: remain seated)

Refrain:

Walk with me, I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through. (2x)

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Prayers of the People

Our Offering and Response

Offertory Hymn: VU 542 We Give You But Your Own

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

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Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.

Precious, these waters, endless seas,
Deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,
Rivers of rain, the wash of love again.

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
Wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,
Blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
Vast fragile land. Seeds of our awakening,
Rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song.

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.

Precious the fire that lights our way,
Bright dawning day. Fire of passion,
Sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
Treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.

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Commissioning and Benediction

Hymn: VU 884 You Shall Go Out with Joy (Isaiah 55)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy,
And all the trees of the field will clap,
Will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap, clap*)
The trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap, clap*)
The trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap, clap*)
While you go out with joy.

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Postlude

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Welcome

If you are visiting us today, here is some information that might help:

1. Washrooms are in the adjacent room through the door in the back corner of the Sanctuary.
 2. Our service will be about one hour.
 3. Following the service, coffee & tea will be served. Follow the crowd (inside the Church).
 4. You will have an opportunity to share your prayer concerns during the Service, but you don't have to. Also, you won't be asked to introduce yourself during the service but please sign our guest book.
 5. You don't have to stand for hymns if standing is an issue for you.
 6. We take an offering during the service but as a visitor, don't feel obligated; however, know that your gifts will be blessed and used to support the ministry here in the church.
 7. Everything you need to know to follow the Service is in your worship bulletin and on the screen.
- Relax. We want you to feel that this is your home.



Current Announcements

Community Policing

For quick response, text the non-emergency police line at 222973 and ask for a file number.

Office Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer in the office, there are many tasks to complete. Please see Margaret. Office hours: 9am – 1pm Tuesdays to Fridays.

Door Greeters:

We are still looking for more door greeters. It is a really good way to get to know the Congregation Members. Speak to Don Strangway.

Sundays:

Book Study: A Fair Country by John Ralston Saul

Starting today after coffee in the Lounge.

UCW Valentine's Day Fundraiser & Bake Table with all proceeds going to Archway. Dust off your baking skills! Baked treats for sale. Baked good donations appreciated for the bake table. Cash donations accepted. Dress in red for Valentine's Day. Conference Room B, February 12, 2023. Follows Sunday service.

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time: March 12, 2023. Remember to mark your calendars as time goes forward one hour at 2am (2am becomes 3am) so we lose one hour of sleep.

Tuesday:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – UCW Friendship Unit is hosting this fundraiser for UCW charities and their CHES student, Debora, in Tanzania. Pancakes, sausages, and beverages will be served. Lower-level Church Hall, February 21, 2023. 5:00p – 9:00p approximately. Cost: \$10/adult and \$5/child 6 – 12 years. Under 6 years is free.

Memorial Service – Earl Colpitts. Grace Church, 2087 McMillan Road, Abbotsford, February 21, 2023, 3:00pm.

Wednesdays:

UCW – Harmony Meetings. Held the last Wednesday of every month. Next meeting: Lounge, February 22, 2023. 1:30p – 4:00/4:30p.

Thursdays:

Starfish needs more volunteers. Lounge, February 9, 2023, 9:15am – 10:00am. Facilitator: Linda Garrett.

Fridays:

ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Every 2nd. Friday, 7:00am, Jo Jo's Restaurant. Next ROMEO Breakfast: February 10, 2023

Saturdays:

Messy Church. All are welcome to join in the crafts. Last Saturday of the month. February 25, 2023, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Hotdogs and veggies served.

Announcements from Cluster Companion Churches

Aldergrove United Church: Regular 10am Sunday worship. Office hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9am-noon.

Gladwin Heights United Church: Sundays 9:30am. Broadcasting service live via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Gladwin-Heights-United-Church-699893126828536>).

St. Andrew's United Church: United Church calendars are still available for sale. Contact Angela Darychuk.

St. Andrew's United Church: Annual General Meeting: February 26, 2023.

Mt. Lehman United Church: No announcements.



Spiritual Path to Awakening (SPA)

<https://abbyspa.com>

Sundays:

SPA: Valentine's String Art for Families and Kids. February 6, 2023. 12:00pm – 2:00pm. Aldergrove United. \$10 each. Sharon Thistlewaite

Mondays:

SPA: Reconciliation Reading Series. They Called Me Number One. February 6 – 27, 2023. 1:30pm – 3:30pm for 4 weeks. \$40.00. Conference Room B, Trinity Memorial United Church. Julia Rohan. See website listed above for more details.

SPA: Welcome to Spring Equinox. March 20, 2023. 10:00am – 11:30am. \$20.00. Conference Room B. Trinity Memorial United Church. Aman Grewal.

Tuesdays:

SPA: 15 Minutes for Peace. 12:15pm – 12:45pm, International Friendship Garden, 32320 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford. Free. Art Turnbull

Wednesdays:

SPA: Valentine's String Art Workshop. February 8, 2023. Aldergrove United Church. \$10 each. 12:00pm – 2:00pm. Sharon Thistlewaite

Fridays:

SPA: Gentle Yoga Fridays. Fridays 9:00 am – 10:00 am Online (Zoom). Robert Henderson

SPA: Paint Class: Introducing Colour Harmony (Primary Colours Edition). March 10, 2023. Conference Room B, Trinity Memorial United Church. 2:30pm – 5:00pm. John Le Flock.

Saturdays:

SPA: Sacred Spaces: Stories with Sacred Spaces – Celebrating Indigenous Storytelling Month. February 11, 2023. Conference Room B, Trinity Memorial United Church. 10am – 12pm. \$35.00. Darla Rasmussen (Blackkettle).

SPA: Love Me: Self-Healing Restorative Chair Yoga Class. February 25, 2023. Conference Room B, Trinity Memorial United Church. 10:30am – 12:00pm. Elizabeth Mueller.

SPA: For the Love of Homemade Soup and Biscuits. March 4, 2023. Church Hall & Kitchen, Trinity Memorial United Church. 10:00am – 12:30pm. \$30.00 Marcia Foreman