

† 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

Hadih, Bundada honzoo, welcome in the name of The Christ.

All: Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the Ancestral and unceded lands of the Lheidli T'enneh people.

Welcome to this place of blessing, this space of grace, and this holy sanctuary. This place where we discern how to live into the way of Jesus.

All: We gather this morning to share in song, word, and prayer, to publicly, intentionally, and explicitly affirm that we are all an expression of the divine's holy light.

Welcome to this community, with deep traditions and hearts open to God

All: Be present with God and with one another here

Be welcomed and receive this blessing of presence and connection.

LIFE & MINISTRY

THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

LEARNING AND SPEAKING PEACE – Lheidli Dakelh

Peace of Christ be with you – Dez-ghel nawhulh 'unt'oh

And also with you – Cha nyulh 'unt'oh

† **HYMN:** *Take O Take Me As I Am* (sung twice) **MV#85**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: In the image of God, you created everything and called it good!

All: In abundant diversity, your likeness is found in us.

One: We reject all messages that belittle or degrade any among us. And so in faithfulness to God and one another we proclaim:

All: Sacred are our bodies of every size and dis/ability.

One: Blessed are our sexualities, drawing us towards love of many kinds.

All: Beloved is every gender, revealing you in different ways.

One: To our skin, beautiful in every shade, we say:

All: Hallelujah! Praise God, our Creator, who blesses us with this world,

these bodies, and our fellow creatures, all created good, very good.

One: Come, let us walk in this good way, let us belong to one another, just as we belong to God

Lighting the Christ Candle:

GROUNDING IN THE HOLY ONE

EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE (Unison)

Everlasting God, Eternal God, you dawned as light in this world and you illumined all of creation with your grace and love. Infinite God, you came into our finite existence, abundantly pouring out the gifts of the Holy Spirit on your creatures. Creator, we turn toward your love and grace with open hearts, knowing that as you so freely offer it, we must reach back toward you to receive it. Your love and grace is for all, a well so deep there is always enough for each one of us. Amen

† **HYMN:**

Like a Healing Stream

MV#144

A STORY FOR THE AGES

Lectionary@Home: Isaiah 49:1–7, Psalm 40:1–11, 1 Corinthians 1:1–9, John 1:29–42

FOCUS READINGS: John 1:29-42

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

WA: This is the witness of The Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Lamb of God
SERMON: Come and See
Holy Quiet

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

† HYMN: *There is Room for All (x3)* **MV#62**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, We bring these tokens of our recognition for your abundant gifts. We bring these gifts that they may be transformed by the hands of your community to bring Peace. We bring ourselves that we may share in the co-creating of your peace, and that we might too, partake and experience it with others. Holy One, we ask that you would bless these gifts, multiply them, bring the deep peace of Shalom to your people.

Amen.

† HYMN: *She Comes Sailing on the Wind* **VU#380**

†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

†HYMN: *Wherever You May Go* **MV# 216**

POSTLUDE



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

Sunday, January 18th, 2025 - 10:00 AM

Epiphany 3: Come and See

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader – Rev. Dr. Kendra Mitchell-Foster; Worship Assistant – Wendy Hudyma; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Trumpet Player – Diane Kjørven; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjørven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier & Fya Garbutt*