

## 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 MV#85**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

One: There is a wonder about this place, let us encounter it.

**All: There is a diversity about this community, let us embrace it.**

One: There is a plethora of views of faith here, let us listen to them.

**All: And in the adventure those ideas open up.**

One: Praise be to God, the source of all, who is the beginning and the end of this spiral path of birth, life, death, and life beyond death.

**All: 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)**

God's grace is poured out for each one of us, and for the world. There is nothing we can do to earn this love and grace, as it is freely given, it is meant for us, and always will be. There is also nothing we can do to be cut off from God or God's all-encompassing, never-ending, always-beginning love. In opening ourselves to receive God's grace, we are embraced within God's Shalom – a wholeness of being grounded in connection and peace. God's Shalom includes us, God's love is for us, God's grace is meant for us.

**† HYMN: Praise the Source of All Creation Christopher Fasulo**

## 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 READING:**

**Psalm 29**

**New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

WA: This is the witness of The Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM: Resistance Song**

**SERMON: The Great and The Small**

**Holy Quiet**

## BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

**† HYMN: Streams of Living Justice Christopher Fasulo**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A house of prayer,....

And we join our voices now to offer the prayer that Jesus shared with the disciples:

**All: Weaver of Life, Ancient and Unfolding,**

**How sacred is your Presence!**

**We lean on your guidance.**

**We seek your love.**

**We open to your transformation.**

**Provide us bread in body and spirit**

to sustain us in faith and solidarity.  
 Companion us with grace  
 as we seek to live lives of forgiveness and compassion,  
 repair and accountability.  
 We remember those who have supported us  
 as we seek to support others  
 in all the mess and glory of this human journey.  
 Guard our minds and hearts from the temptations of  
 domination  
 and turn our loyalty away from all systems of evil.  
 For the whole cosmos hums with your wisdom.  
 Everything that lives, returns to your care.  
 Our thanks and honor to you,  
 Gracious Web of Existence,  
 Our Source and our Home.  
 Amen.  
 \*the Lord's Prayer, [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com)

## 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: *Thank You: A Worship Song*    Amanda Udis-Kessler

### †COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

†HYMN:                    *Doxology*                    Amanda Udis-Kessler

### POSTLUDE

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY:** *Worship Leader – Rev Dr Kendra Mitchell-Foster; Worship Assistant – Godspower Igbecha; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier & Fya Garbutt*



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

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 2:00 pm**  
**Queer Worship: A Different Path**

† indicates stand as you are able

MV = More Voices

**Bold** indicates participation by the people

VU = Voices United

Core Values: Living Faith - Inclusive Fellowship  
 Joyful Service – Being Anti-Racist – Affirming All

