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

Sunday, February 22nd, 2025 - 10:00 AM
The Chosen Fast
1st Sunday in Lent

† 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

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: **How Good, Lord, to Be Here** **VU#103**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: How precious, how fragile, how short is life!

Many: Our lives are but a breath.

One: The Divine brings us into being,

Many: weaves our lives together, and ushers us into eternal rest.

One: Blessed are the Sacred rhythms of life and holy are these tasks:

Many: to be alive, to pay attention, to honor the fleeting with awe and care.

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)

We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world. Divine creation does not cease until all things have found wholeness, union, and integration with the common ground of all being. 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. God's love and grace is for all, a well so deep there is always enough for each one of us. Amen

† HYMN: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* **VU#121**

A STORY FOR THE AGES

Lectionary@Home: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12–19, Isaiah 58: 6-11, Matthew 4:1–11

FOCUS READINGS:

Matthew 4:1-11 Isaiah 58: 6-9

WA: This is the witness of the ancestors of our faith

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Lenten Prayer

SERMON: The Chosen Fast

Holy Quiet

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

† HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Waiting* VU#117

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: *Grateful* MV#182

†COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

†HYMN: *Walk With Me (chorus, v 4, chorus only)* VU#649

POSTLUDE

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

