



Trinity United Church

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

Sunday, April 19th, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Easter 3 – Creation is Our Mother
Festival of Faith North & Earth Sunday

† 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



And also with you – Cha nyulh 'unt'oh

† HYMN: *As We Gather*
(tune: **Beach Spring**, lyrics: **Andra Moran**)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (Ibi)

One: God, our creator, has crafted the cosmos with their love
Many: Our lives are an echo of God's breath over the waters

One: We humans are but one strand in a web of life, and only one being among many relations

Many: The land and waters are not resources to be exhausted.

One: Serious disruption and harm has been caused by colonization and extractivism in the material and the spiritual.

Many: We, as followers of Christ, seek balance, the repairing of relations, and to live with respect in Creation today and for seven generations.

One: And we call on all people to do likewise, for the sake of Mother Earth

Many: 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 love and grace is all around us; it is within us, entwining our spirits together in sacred community where each person is affirmed just as they are. We sing of the infinitely-faceted diversity of creation as the true image of God. Grateful, we sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart. God's grace is meant for us, freely given. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Amen

† HYMN: *Like a Rock (with additional stanza)*

A STORY FOR THE AGES

*Lectionary@Home: Acts 2:14a, 36–41, Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19;
1 Peter 1:17–23; Luke 24:13–35*

SERMON: **Michelle Slater**

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hadih, Bundada hoonzoo, welcome in the name of The Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

All: We are here, and we honour the ancestral and unceded lands of the Lheidli T'enneh people.

One: We are grateful and we honour the millennia of stewardship, care, and relationship that the Lheidli T'enneh have with their key'oh. We are in relationship with them, with their sovereignty, with the land, and with the legacy of uninvited settlers.

All: We gather this morning in celebration, proclaiming the Risen Christ and the promise of healing that the resurrection brings

One: We proclaim publicly, intentionally and explicitly that every human being is cherished as a vibrant part of the Body of Christ on earth.

All: Be present with God and with one another here

One: Bless our community this morning, O God, with your breath, your presence, and your love.

LIFE & MINISTRY

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST – Lheidli Dakelh

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

Holy Quiet

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

† HYMN: *O Let Us Breathe* (TLUS 72)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

God of the universe, ...Help us to notice your presence all around us.

(Unison)

Our kin, the flora and fauna are calling,

The earth, the sea, and the sky join in,

“Mother Earth is hurting”, they cry

“We need you to act with us”, they call.

“We need you to join us in the restoring of Creation, so that our Mother may flourish once more”

Direct our hearts, minds and actions in your service, O God
Bring us into co-creation with you as we seek to do your will

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY (Kendra)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

God of abundance and creativity, receive our offerings as they are held up to you now: offered in hope, and in hope against hope, offered from pockets half-empty and overflowing, offered from lives busy and spare. We offer these gifts that they may be transformed by the hands of your community to midwife your loving vision of the world into being. We bring whole selves that we may share in the co-creation of your kin-dom. Holy One, we ask that you would bless these gifts, and multiply them for the crafting of an affirming world.

Amen.

† HYMN: *You Give Me a New Song* (Andra Moran)

† COMMISSIONING (Michelle) & BENECTION (Kendra)

† HYMN: *Let Us, O God Depart in Peace* (x2) VU#961

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leaders – Rev. Dr. Kendra Mitchell-Foster, Rev. Michelle Slater (LeaderShift), Rev. Ibi Chuan (Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations/Community of Faith Support) Musician – Christy Guenter (Hillhurst United, Calgary), Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier & Fya Garbutt*

