

Trinity United Church

January 17, 2021

Second After Epiphany

Welcome to Trinity United Church. We strive to be a safe community for all; regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, religious affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identification. We are all invited guests of God.

We acknowledge that for many thousands of years the indigenous people of Turtle Island walked on this land. We are thankful to share in the special spirit of this place, rich in the energy of Mother Earth and the love of all Creation.

Lighting the Christ Candle (v 1 78 Sing till Sundown)

***Sing till sundown, hum your joy,
Dress in starlight, girl and boy.
Man and woman climb the hill,
Warmed beyond December's chill,
Reeling, clapping, touch the air:
Is that fragrant music there?
Come the glory, gone the gloom:
In a wondrous huddled room.
Christ the Word we've longed to know
Calls us dancing though the snow.***

Announcements

When I Am Among the Trees (Mary Oliver)

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.
I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world but walk slowly,
and bow often.
Around me the trees stir in their leaves and call
out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.
And they call again, "It's simple,"
they say, "and you too have come into the world to
do this, to go easy, to be filled with light, and to
shine."

Hymn 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (More Voices)

***Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who
danced when earth was new. Follow closely what
she teaches,
For her words are right and true. Wisdom
clears the path to justice, showing us what love
must do.***

Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace. Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace. When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth. Spirit guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.

Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.

Psalm 139

Hymn 161 *I Have Called You by Your Name* (More Voices)

*I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.*

*I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your
soul can claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.*

*I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.*

Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

*I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.*

Older Testament 1st Samuel 3: 1- 20 (Samuel)
Gospel John 1: 43- 51 (Call of disciples)

Sermon “*Muted Faith*” Rev. Brian Goodings

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer 960 in Voices United

Invitation and Acknowledgement of Offerings
Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 562 Jesus Calls Us

*Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.*

*Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus call us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.*

**Benediction 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us
May the God of hope go with us everyday,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our
joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful
when we hear Christ's call.**

**May the God of healing free the world from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear to
a world restored, to human life renewed.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our
joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful
when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude