

**Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster Worship
Aldergrove, Gladwin Heights, St. Andrews
and Trinity Memorial United Churches**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17th, 2021**

Thank you for Connecting for Worship

Today's Leadership includes

Preacher: The Rev. Bill Booth

Presiding: The Rev. Tracy Fairfield & Rev. Tim Bowman

Musician – Donna Poncelet & Jacob Greenan

Song Leaders Ron and Rose Schaufert.

Technical Support: Jeremy Wright

People are invited to share their prayers in the chat during the worship service.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome, Announcements from Each Congregation

Land Acknowledgments All

Lighting the Rainbow Candles Tim

Lighting the Christ Candle Tracy Speaks, Tim lights

Once there was a star that twinkled high above the night sky. It was so captivating that people simply had to follow it, and they followed it all the way to Bethlehem.

(the candle is lit)

The Light of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Sung response: "Arise, Your Light is Come" (verse 1) VU 79

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;

Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Call to Worship: Tim (not in unison)

Scripture reminds us that those who wait for God will renew their strength.

And so, we have gathered today: to wait for God, to bring the living of our lives to be blessed, to find meaning and purpose for living every day, and to renew our strength that we might serve God well and fully in all the places life calls us to be. Worship offers us the invitation to spend time with God in community, to experience the still, small voice, and, inspired by that voice, to find our way forward. Come, and let us worship God.

(Rob Root, Gathering A/C/E 2020-21, pg. 46. Used with permission)

Opening Prayer: Tracy

**Every time we answer your call, O God, we meet you again for the first time.
Each moment is a revelation. Each meeting leads to our hearts opening wider
to you and to others. Each encounter shines light onto the strength of
relationships fostered while following Jesus the Christ –
the one who invites and equips,
the one who is companion and guide,
the one who is Giver and Gift,
the one who gave us sacred words to inspire us. Amen.**

(Gord Dunbar, Gathering A/C/E 2020-21, pg. 47. Used with permission)

Hymn: “I Have Called You By Your Name” MV 161

*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.*

Time with our Children: Bill or Tim?

Hymn: “Jesus Bids Us Shine” VU 585

*Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness, so let us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.*

*Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him; well He sees and knows it if our light grows
dim; Jesus walks beside us to help us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.*

*Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around, many kinds of darkness in the world are
found:: sin, and want, and sorrow—so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.*

We invite the children and their leaders into breakout rooms.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 139: 1 – 6, 13 – 18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them — they are more than the sand;
I come to the end — I am still with you.

John 1: 43 – 51

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Being Seen and Known” Rev. Bill Booth

Hymn: “Psalm 42: As the Deer Pants For the Water” VU 766

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.*

***R) You alone are my strength, my shield to you alone may
my spirit yield; you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.***

*I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. R)*

*You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything! R)*

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND ACTION

Prayer of Confession: Tracy

God of all people, you call our name...

You call our name...

and we run in the opposite direction.

You call our name... and we are afraid that we will be asked to change our plans.

You call our name.

(silent prayer)

Call us again, Gracious God.

Push and pull us out of our complacency.

Open our hearts to know your way. Make us bold, make us strong, make us yours.

Call our name, once again, O God, Amen.

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Assurance: Tracy

In the deep of night, God calls to us. In the brightness of the day, God calls to us.

God is there, in our heads and in our hearts, loving us, waiting for us to receive the call.

We receive God's call, boldly, trusting in God's strength. Thanks be to God!

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Sung Response: "Gloria (Glory to God)" VU 37

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia. (twice)

Prayers of the People and all the World: Tracy

Prayers shared from the chat: Tim

Holy God, you hear our words; you hear our hearts. We are known and heard deeply, graciously, constantly. Confident in this grace, we speak together the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer [Spoken]

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Acknowledging Our Gifts for the Work of God: Tim

Here is our cash; here are our cheques; here is our Pre-Authorized Remittance. here are our online donations.

They are an expression our hope for Light in the World.

Here are our hearts; here is our time; here are our passions; here are our lives.

Let our gifts and our lives proclaim Light to the World.

Doxology ("As With Gladness Men of Old", verse 3) VU 81

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger crude and bare,

so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,

all our costliest treasures bring,

Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Prayer of Dedication: Tim

As the magi brought gold,

so we bring these gifts.

As the magi brought frankincense,

so we bring our prayers.

As the magi brought myrrh,

so we bring our lives to you, O God. Amen.

Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" VU 509

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **R***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **R***

Blessing and Sending Forth: Bill

Sung Response: "I Am the Light of the World" (chorus) VU 87

**I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love
you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

Postlude

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Song Leader & Soloist: Deborah Handley
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