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Sunday, December 15, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Theme: Advent 3 – Do The Good That Is Yours To Do

WORDS FOR THE BEGINNING

† 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.

Be welcomed.

All: Be present.

Be a blessing.

LIFE & MINISTRY (Announcements)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

L: "Teacher," the crowd asked, "What should we do?"

M: If you have two shirts, give one away.

Hold onto hope.

Live like we belong to one another.

Speak the truth.

Look for God.

Do the good that is yours to do.

L: It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

M: Let us worship our present and active God.

CANDLES OF ADVENT – JOY

SUNG RESPONSE: Hope is a Star (Verse 1-3) **VU#7**

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION AND HEALING (Responsive)

Friends, there are times when the weight of the world can feel

Let us pray:

Liberating God,

There are days when the world can feel like it's crumbling.

There are days when I doubt that I can make a difference.

I ask myself,

What could these two hands do?

What could this one voice say?

Shake me free of my own paralysis and self-doubt.

Remind me that I am not called to fix everything.

I am simply called to do the good that is mine to do.

With hope in my heart and a fire in my bones, I pray.

Amen.

EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE (Responsive)

Family of faith,

I don't know the last time someone told you that you are good, just as you are.

I don't know the last time you heard that you are loved and created in the image of God.

I don't know the last time you trusted those words and truly believed that you are a blessing. However, in case it has been a while,

hear these words from Isaiah:

God says,

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name.

You are mine."

We are forgiven, reconciled, and healed. We are loved. Let it leave you awestruck. **Thanks be to God! May we believe it.**

Amen.

† HYMN: *Do The Good That's Yours to Do* **Projection**

A STORY FOR THE AGES

Lectionary@Home: Zephaniah 3:14–20; Isaiah 12:2–6; Philippians 4:4–7;
Luke 3:7–18

HOLY QUIET

† HYMN: *Angels We Have Heard on High* **VU#38**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, OURSELVES, AND THE WORLD

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Holy God,

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we say:

Do not be discouraged by the weight of the world.

Instead, hold fast to hope.

Roll up your sleeves.

Feed the hungry.

Tend the garden.

If you have two coats, give one away.

Do the good that is yours to do.

In doing so, you will see God.

For this we believe: small acts of love can make a difference.

For this we ask your blessing upon our lives and our offerings.

Amen.

† HYMN: *Joyful Joyful We Adore You* **VU#232**

† **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

† HYMN: *I am Walking a Path of Hope, Peace & Joy* **MV#221**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Worship Leader – Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier and Bill Hudyma; Narrators – Em Cawsey, Les Waldie and Ruth Goritsas; Soloists – Sharon Taylor and Diane Kjorven*