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

† **HYMN:** Let Us Build a House (V1&5) **MV#1**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

L: Clouds clash, wind cracks,

waves rise.

Circling leviathans,

slice through the dark waters.

M: Such giants of nature, move against,

a single coracle,

riding the waves,

that swamp it with flotsam.

L: The wind swipes at the currach, sending it birling,

and spinning,

up over the top of the swell.

M: Then it breaches with a shudder, on the other side.

As a dozen men,

hang on, white knuckled.

L: While a thirteenth,

like some wisp of light,

strides the waves.

as if he has somewhere else to go.

M: But he turns,

as if only becoming aware, of the fishers,

and turns.

L: The light shifts,

and he comes beside them, moving in beside them,

accompanying them,

in the storm.

M: 'Take heart,' says he,

but theirs are in their mouths. 'It is I!'

L: But they hardly recognise him, and certainly, don't know him.

This one who walks the waters, and quells the winds.

M: Let us worship with awe and wonder and risk.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AND RECONCILIATION

GATHERING PRAYER (Responsive)

EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE (Responsive)

As we journey through Black History Month, we acknowledge that there have been times when the blessings we each embody have been limited, denied, and nullified. Nothing could be further from the promise of the Gospel. For you, love is for each of us. As your beloved humanity, we are created to reflect your love for us.

May each of us feel fully rooted in the deep relationship of Jesus with you. May the diversity of our skin and experiences be seen as affirmations of your kin-dom. May we know that each of us is loved, wanted, valued, included, and affirmed.

† **HYMN**: Will Your Anchor Hold **VU#675**

A STORY FOR THE AGES

Lectionary@Home: Genesis 45:3-11,15; Psalm 37; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50; & Luke 6:27-38

FOCUS READING: Mark 6:45-52 and 8:11-14 (NIV)

Reader: In these words and our pondering the Holy becomes

known.

Many: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: Give me Jesus

SERMON: Sink or Float Might Not Be the Only Options

HOLY QUIET

† HYMN: When the Storms of Life Are Raging (Stand By Me)

Projection

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, OURSELVES, AND THE WORLD BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

In the midst of life's storms, you call us to be signs of your presence and love for all of humanity. Out of the mundane and extraordinary you are the wonder maker calling us to a risky faith of deep spirituality, bold discipleship, and daring justice. May our response to what you've already done be one way that your kin-dom comes for everyone. Amen.

† HYMN: Jesus Calls us VU#562

†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

†HYMN: He Came Singing Love VU#359

POSTLUDE

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

Sunday, February 23, 2025 - 10:00 AM

Theme: Rediscovering Jesus: The Wonder Worker

+ Black History Month

†indicates stand as you are able **Bold** indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices VU = Voices United

Core Values: Living Faith - Inclusive Fellowship Joyful Service - Being Anti-Racist - Affirming All



PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: Worship Leader – Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier; Worship Assistant – Vicki Brown; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier and Bill Hudyma



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