

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY, October 20, 2019**



**Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives as an
Affirming and Inclusive Congregation**

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, October 20, 2019

Presiding: Debbie Stockdale

We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

Regardless of your age, stage, gender, sexual identity, or how great or small you feel your faith is we each bring something of ourselves to this place. Come as you are -- and be.

Prior to the service the Affirming candle was lit to affirm that all humanity must be respected and valued. The Treaty 7/Metis Region 3 candle was lit to show respect for the land and to affirm our continued commitment to live into right relations with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

SEED FOR MEDITATION

Courage doesn't always roar, sometimes it's the quiet voice at the end of the day whispering I will try again tomorrow.

Mary Anne Radmacher

PRELUDE *Fantasia in G minor*

G.P. Telemann

Fantasia a gusto italiano in F

J.L. Krebs

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle to remind ourselves that Christ is always with us, bringing persistent light and love to our world.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

God promises us justice,

and God teaches us persistence.

God promises us deep assurance,

and God teaches us not to lose heart.

God promises to be with us

and God teaches us to tend to each other.

Together, let us worship our God of comfort and challenge, our God of courage and compassion.

GATHERING PRAYER (based on Jeremiah 31: 27-34)

Holy One, dwell within us.

Whisper in our ears;

Glimmer in our vision;

Write upon our hearts.

We wait with open ears, open eyes, open hearts.

Amen

HYMN Come Touch our Hearts

Vs 1-4 MV #12

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to see a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.
2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.
3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.
4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

FAITH CHAT

Sing: We are one in the spirit

We are one in the spirit, we are one with our God, (x3)

and we pray that all unity will one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

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We will work with each other, we will work side by side (x3)

and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Chorus

We are one in the spirit, we are one with our God, (x3)

and we pray that all unity will one day be restored

Chorus

. . .to hear the wisdom of God.

READINGS

A Word of Wisdom from the Prophets: Jeremiah 31:33; A Story: The woman and the judge (based on Luke 18:1–8)

ANTHEM

You Say

arr. by Heather Sorenson

REFLECTION

Persistent Voices

HYMN

When I Needed a Neighbour

VU #600

- 1 When I needed a neighbour, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?
- 2 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?
- 3 I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?
- 4 When I needed a healer, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?
- 5 Wherever you travel I'll be there,
I'll be there,
wherever you travel I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

We respond. . .

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

God of persistent hope, please accept these gifts as our pledge to persist in our faithful service to you as we share your gifts of justice, peace, love and hope with the world. Amen

OFFERTORY *He's God* *Edwin Hawkins/ arr. by Carol Cymbala*

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN Grant us God VU #540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

A TIME OF PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

HYMN Go Make a Difference MV #209

Go, Make a diff'rence
We can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go, Make a diff'rence
We can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. **R**

We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world **R**

So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world **R**

...and are blessed.

BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

VU #964

POSTLUDE

Ballo del Graduca

J.P. Sweelinck

**GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND
SPIRITUAL NURTURE**

October 27, 2019

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Guest: Richard Christmas

Music by Angel Voices

**THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY
WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Greeters.....October Sacred Service Team
UshersOctober Sacred Service Team
Counters.....Bernie Nemeth & Peter Adams
Projection.....PSALT Team
Reader.....Ruth Cross
Minute Speaks.....Pastoral Care, Friendship Club
Music.....Sanctuary Choir, Christy Brekke, Ruth Cross,
.....& Ian McDonald – soloists, Bruce Clark - organ
Accompanist.....Garrett Krause