

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED
CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019**

*As Christians, we are called to
connect our believing to our
behaving; our convictions to
our conversations; our lip-
service to our life-service.*

~ Gwen Smith



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Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming and
Inclusive community
WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, August 25, 2019

Presiding: Peggy McDonagh

We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

(Welcome to worship today. Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time or you have been here for longer than you can remember, you are welcome to be here and to participate however you feel comfortable. 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. God, through us, welcomes each of us to worship.)

Prior to the service the Creation and Affirming candles were lit to affirm that all humanity and creation 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.

PRELUDE *Improvisation*

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light the Christ candle to symbolize the Christ Spirit. A light that transcends all limits and bounds and shines from our hearts now and always.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

May we shape a space to meet God,
a space that plays with mystery,
opens justice,
seeks peace,

and binds us together as a community
of friends, loved ones, and strangers
in this place and in the world.

THE GATHERING

From the safety, warmth and comfort of our homes. . .

We gather together here.

From the busyness of our week. . .

From the stress-filled news of the world. . .

From the struggles of our daily living. . .

We gather together here.

We gather bringing all that has happened this past week. . .
our work, our relaxation, our anxiety, our celebrations...

**We put everything on hold, and clear our minds
to be in this place today.**

**Here, we pause to reflect, to be thankful,
to be re-inspired for the week ahead.**

Come, let us bask in the Holy Presence of God!

HYMN This is the day

MV #122

This is the day that God has made;

We will rejoice and be glad!

This is the day that God has made;

We will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,

Singing hallelu, we will rejoice and be glad.

2nd verse:

Seizing the day with heart and mind;

we will rejoice and be glad!

Singing with voices filled with praise;

we will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,

Singing hallelu, we will rejoice and be glad.

GATHERING PRAYER

Creator of life in all its fulness,
we are called,
to be the eyes and ears of love,
the hands and voices of justice:

**To open our hearts not only
to beauty and love,
but to injustice, hate and suffering.**

**To open our hearts not only
to the chattering of this coming week,
but the searching,
fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet.**

**To open our hearts not only
to those we choose our lives to share,
but in welcome, love and fellowship
to all who we meet.**

We are called,
to be your eyes and ears of love,
the hands and voices of justice.

**May we be attentive to this high calling.
Amen.**

...to hear the wisdom of God

READINGS Verses from the Christian Testament; James 2:15-17; 1 John 3:18; Quotes by Christian author and speaker Elizabeth Eliot, Author Betty Eadie from *The Awakened Heart* and by Author Richelle E. Goodrich,

INTRODUCTION TO THEME

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

'The Call' from "Five Mystical Songs" Ralph Vaughan Williams

REFLECTIONS 'Faith is best, lived on our feet'

Bill Way, Pat Fryers, Colin Outtrim, Jennifer McTavish

... and to respond

HYMN In Loving Partnership

VU #603

In loving partnership we came,
seeking O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.

We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.

Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.

In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *At the River*

Arr. Aaron Copland

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN

(Tune: VU #232)

Giving God, we pause and wonder:
What would happen if we tithed---
If we give our gifts, Creator,
hearts and hands are open wide?
We might learn that in our sharing,
We receive more than we give.
By your Spirit, make us daring,
In this faithful way to live.

MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN God Whose Love is Always Stronger (Tune VU #399)
(Adapted: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

God whose love is always stronger
than our weakness, pride and fear,
In our hearts, we pray and wonder
how to be more faithful here.
So, we pray, when hate divides us;
Give us love, God, make us new!

Love is patient, kind and caring,
Never arrogant or rude.
Never boastful, all things bearing;
Love rejoices in the truth
Show us Jesus' way of living
May our strength be in your peace.

May our faith and hope be nourished;
May each life embrace your call.
May our hearts be filled with courage
showing love and peace to all.
Feed our faith, that we may live it
Till your love reigns over the earth.

BLESSING

May we not be afraid of our strength,
our passion, our meaning.

**May we trust that we have the fire inside
to ignite our faith that it might disrupt us into action.**

As you move into the week find ways in which your faith
will make a difference. Challenge your comfort zones,
be God's presence in the world.

MUSICAL BENEDICTION

VU#454

May God who creates you give you light;
may God who sustains you make you wise;
may God who protects you give you joy,
may God who surrounds you give you peace.

PRELUDE *Improvisation*

GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE

September 1, 2019

Piano music by Eric Nyland

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

We hope that your heart is touched, your faith inspired, and your spiritual life deepened in this gathering time and worship experience. If you are visiting for the first time please know that you are welcome, you are valued, and you enhance this sacred place by your presence. If you wish to know more about St. David's, please fill in a "Response Card" found at the back of the Sanctuary and place it in the box or the offering plate.

Thank you for making this a scent free environment. It is a joy to have you with us today, please be welcomed and embraced. Please join us following worship in the TM room for conversation, coffee/tea and fellowship. Washrooms are opposite the front entrance and in the basement.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Voices United hymn book, at the back of the church, or from an usher. If you would like to have contribution envelopes, please contact the office. Tax receipts are issued at the end of the year for all identified donations and offerings. If you give through PAR, PAR cards are available from the ushers to be placed on the offering plate as a symbol of your offering given through PAR.

PRAYER CONCERNS The prayer chain is committed to praying for you in times of crisis for a period of 30 days. Please contact the office or one of the ministers.

FLOWERS enhance our church services each Sunday. Remember loved or joyous occasions all year with donations to the flower fund. Dedications are placed in the worship folder.

PASTORAL CARE If you have any pastoral concerns about yourself or others please contact Peggy McDonagh or Debbie Stockdale at the church office. If you know someone who is in long term care, in hospital or needs a visit, please contact the office.

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

Greeters.....August Sacred Service Team
UshersAugust Sacred Service Team
Counters.....David Mitchell, Ian McDonald
Projection.....PSALT Team
Reader.....Eldon Godfrey
Guest Musician.....Brittany Rae - soprano
Minute Speaks.....ACTS

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Aug 25	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room
Mon. Aug 26	12:30 pm 1:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall Music Practice – TM Room
Tues. Aug 27	1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Private Event – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Aug 28	9:30 am	Qigong – Robertson Hall
Thurs. Aug 29		
Fri. Aug 30		
Sat. Aug 31	6:00 pm	True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Sept 1	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room
Mon. Sept 2		OFFICE CLOSED

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