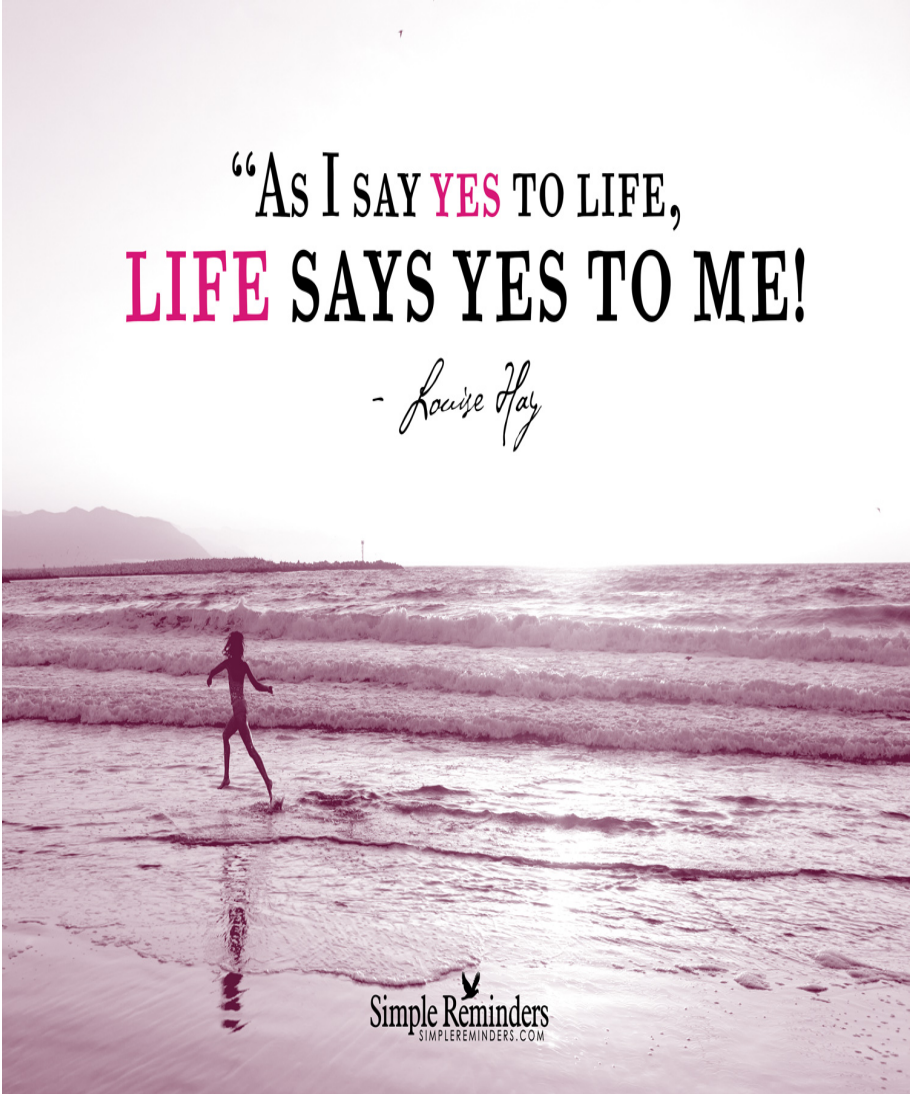


**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

**"AS I SAY YES TO LIFE,  
LIFE SAYS YES TO ME!"**

*- Louise Hay*



**Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming and  
Inclusive community**

# WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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**Sunday, September 1, 2019**  
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## *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 Affirming candle was 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.*

### **SEEDS FOR MEDITATION**

“Relationships are living things, delicate systems with feelings, hopes and fears. So, handle them with care. Live with love. Give and receive with awareness. Say “no” to anything that divides and destroys love. Say “yes” to everything that is life affirming.”

### **PRELUDE**     *Improvisation*

### **NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING**

### **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

As we light this Christ candle, we open ourselves to the power of the Christ spirit within this community bringing courage to our spirits, conviction to our faith, and hope to our hearts.

### **LIGHTING THE ‘VALUE OF THE MONTH’ CANDLE:**

St. David's Council

### **ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP**

We gather in worship to deepen our trust, relax our grip on life, and let go – for one brief hour – into this matrix of community.

**We gather in worship to sing, pray, and listen, without looking**

**at our watches or worrying about what needs to be done.**

We gather to say YES to St. David's unknown but ever emerging future with its choices, obstacles, and possibilities.

**Spirit is with us in our YES.**

We embrace the Christ spirit that grants us a glimpse of what is possible when hearts and minds say "YES" to life amidst its fears, longings, and challenges.

**Spirit is with us in our glimpses and our "YES" to life.**

**HYMN** God, We Praise You for the Morning vs. 1-5 VU #415

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

God of Love, we have moved from the warmth and comfort of our homes. . .

**We gather in your name.**

**Free for a time from the busyness of our week. . .**

**Free for a time from the stress-filled news of the world. . .**

**Free for a time from the struggles of our daily living. . .**

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

**We put everything on hold, God, clearing our minds to be fully present in this place.**

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

We gather in your name and in your love, God of Life. Amen.

*To hear the wisdom of God*

**READINGS** Deuteronomy 30: 19-20; 2 Corinthians 1:17b-21; Quote from Spiritual Teacher Osho, *Pharmacy of the Soul*

### **MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*"Adagio Molto" from 'Waldstein Sonata' Op. 53* L. V. Beethoven

**REFLECTION** *The life-giving power of "YES"*

*...and to respond*

**HYMN** God Who Sets Us on a Journey (Tune VU #232)  
God who sets us on a journey to discover, dream and grow,  
lead us as you led your people in the desert long ago;

journey inward, journey outward stir the spirit, stretch the mind;  
love, for God and self and neighbour, marks the way that Christ  
defined.

Saying Yes can bring new insights, changes, choices we must face;  
give us wisdom in deciding, mindful always of your grace;  
should we stumble, lose our bearings, find it hard to know what's  
right,  
We regain our true direction focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days, grant the vision that we lack  
once we've started on this journey there can be no turning back;  
let us travel light, discarding excess baggage from our past,  
cherish only what's essential, choosing treasure that will last.

## **INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**                    *Improvisation*

### **RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN**

God of open, honest giving, stir our hearts that we may share  
riches from our daily living, frees the world from its despair.  
When we act as faithful stewards, letting wealth and kindness  
flow,  
all that rises from such goodness shapes a world for love to  
grow.

## **MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: Lighting of the Affirm Rainbow Candles**

**HYMN** One More Step along the World I Go                    vs. 1,2,4    VU #639

1. One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go,  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me traveling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me traveling along with you.
2. Round the corners of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn,  
and the new things that I see,  
you'll be looking at along with me.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;

keep me traveling along with you.

4. Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough,  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me traveling along with you.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me traveling along with you.

*. . .and be blessed.*

## **BLESSING**

May we not be afraid of our strength, our passion,  
and our possibilities.

**May we trust our wisdom, our commitment, and our faith  
as we say Yes to life and to the future of St. David's.**

As you move from this place, open wide the door of your heart.  
This week commit to making one small difference in the heart of  
another.

Be the love of God you wish to see in the world  
Go from here in peace and with love.

**MUSICAL BENEDICTION** May God Who Creates You  
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.

**POSTLUDE** *"Rondo Allegretto" from 'Waldstein Sonata' Op. 53*  
*L. V. Beethoven*

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

**September 8, 2019**

**Debbie Stockdale presiding  
Music by our Chamber Choir**

## **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.

**The Rainbow Room Nursery** is available for infants to pre-school age, downstairs at the end of Robertson Hall.

**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.

If anyone has celebrations or events, they wish to have acknowledged in the worship folder or newsletter, please contact the office administrator at the church office at 403 284-2276 or [admin@sduc.ca](mailto:admin@sduc.ca) no later than Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

**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.*

**We need your help** ... in a congregation the size of St. David's it can be difficult to know who has not been present in worship for some time. If you

are aware of someone you have not seen for a while, please contact the office or contact the people and let them know that they are missed. As a congregation, we all must be aware of one another and acknowledge those absent to ensure everyone feels cared for and valued. Let us all do our part to keep connected.

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

Greeters.....September Sacred Service Team  
 Ushers .....September Sacred Service Team  
 Counters.....Colin Outtrim & Bertha Hancock  
 Projection.....PSALT Team  
 Sunday Receptionist.....Margaret Pellicci  
 Reader.....Eileen Ladd  
 Guest Musician.....Eric Nyland - piano  
 Minute Speaks.....Harvest Tea, ACTS

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## ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Sept 1	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room
Mon. Sept 2	12:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall
Tues. Sept 3	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Sept 4	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Qigong – TM Room Healing Touch – Robertson Hall
Thurs. Sept 5	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Sept 6		
Sat. Sept 7	7:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room Drama Rehearsal - Sanctuary True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Sept 8	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room

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