

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

July 28, 2019

6 Word Spiritual Memoir Challenge



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

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, July 28, 2019
Presiding: Debra Charnuski

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

Our true home is in the present moment.

Thich Nhat Hanh

To live in the present moment is a miracle.

The miracle is not to walk on water.

The miracle is to walk on the green Earth in the present moment, to appreciate the peace and beauty that are available now.

Peace is all around us-

in the world and in nature-

and within us-

in our bodies and spirits.

Once we learn to touch this peace.

We will be healed and transformed.

It is not a matter of faith;

It is a matter of practice.

PRELUDE

Toccata in C

J.S. Bach

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As the Christ candle is lit we are reminded that we are not human beings on a spiritual journey. We are spiritual beings on a human journey.

Stephen Covey

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Faith is not merely a journey for the feet, but it is a journey for the heart. And the journey is not a linear one. We wander here and there, take this path or that path, detour off road, hit speed bumps, become lost along the way and sometimes we even circle back to end up where we started. Just remember that you are not alone on the journey. God is there with you, sometimes in the passenger seat and sometimes in the driver's seat. The greatest challenge we often face is learning to let go of the wheel.

HYMN In the Quiet Curve of Evening

VU #278

In the quiet curve of evening,
in the sinking of the days,
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.
in the lapses of my breathing,
In the spaces between my ways,
In the crater carved by sadness, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

In the rests between the phrases,
in the cracks between the stars,
in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.
in the melting down of endings,
in the cooling of the sun,
in the solstice of the winter, you are there.
You are there, you are there, You are there.

In the mystery of my hungers,
in the silence of my rooms,
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.
in the empty cave of grieving,
in the desert of my dreams,
in the tunnel of my sorrows, you are there.
You are there, You are there. You are there.

GATHERING PRAYER

Creating One,
hear the sound of one voice,
the sound of one person,
Calling out to you.

**Creating One
hear the sound of one voice
the sound of many hearts,
beating together, in praise and life.**

Creating One,
hear the sound of one voice
and the sound of one people
Celebrating creation, ourselves and each other.

**Accept our gift of worship
as with one voice,
one hope, one love
we gather into you
and into the oneness of life. Amen**

READINGS Matthew 5:1-10 "Sermon on the Mount";
John 8:32; Quote from Christine Evangelou

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

REFLECTION *'The 6 Word Spiritual Memoir Challenge'*

Introduction

Sharing of Spiritual Memoirs - *Karen McKeown, Kerry Duncan-McCartney, Sheryl Schoenthaler*

Concluding Remarks

HYMN How Then Shall I Live – Linnea Good v. 1 & 3

Refrain:

How then shall I live?
How then shall I live?
How then shall I live?
O God?
How then shall I live?

1. Took a walk outside of my walking.
Step'd inside another's shoes.

Walk'd the dusty borders between us.
Paths I'd never chosen to choose.
Refrain

3. Saw the world outside of my looking.
Gazed upon the eyes of its soul.
Held the hopes and fears of tomorrow.
Found the pieces making the whole
Refrain

We respond. . .

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

We are richly blessed through the gifts of all peoples and creation. We pause now to offer our lives, hearts and our commitments, with gratitude, for the blessings of God in our hearts and in all of life.

OFFERTORY

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN (VU#541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known,
Creator, Word and Spirit One.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

... and we are blessed

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 are blessed.

BLESSING

May the blessing of light be upon you.

Light without and light within.

Wherever you are on your spiritual path,

And wherever your faith journey takes you,

And in whatever you do.

May the love of God shine upon you.

And all love surround you.

SUNG BENEDICTION

What Does the Lord Require of You?

VU# 701

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

J. Mouret

Growing And Deepening our Lives Through Worship and Spiritual Nurture

August 4 – Rev. Peggy McDonagh
Music for French Horn by Lindsay Johnston

Greeters.....July Sacred Service Team
 UshersJuly Sacred Service Team
 Projection.....PSALT Team
 Reader.....Bonnie McTavish
 Guest Musicians.....Caroline Knight – flute & piano, Bruce Clark – organ

A special thank you to Rev. Dr. Bruce Clark for sharing his musical Talents on the pipe organ this morning.

ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. July 28	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Stampede Breakfast – Parking Lot Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Iglesia Ni Cristo – Robertson Hall
Mon. July 29	6:30 pm	Caroline Knight - Lacombe
Tues. July 30	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room Caroline Knight - Lacombe
Wed. July 31	6:30 pm	Caroline Knight - Lacombe
Thurs. Aug 1	6:30 pm	Caroline Knight - Lacombe
Fri. Aug 2		
Sat. Aug 3	7:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room Caroline Knight - Lacombe True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Aug 4	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room

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