

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019
“Loss & Laughter”



**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 4 2019
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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 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

O Christ Light within, around, and beyond, may your bright flame be before us, a guiding star above us, and a smooth path beneath us.

INGATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Come all of you to this sacred place
As we gather in the welcome of God's love,
As we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ,
As we gather in the power of the Spirit,
Let us listen for the voice of God.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

The Love of the Creating One is around, within and beyond us
often experienced in unexpected places.

God's wise voice calls us to enter the sacred mystery of the Divine.

We hear and heed this quiet voice.

God's calming voice calls us to release our concerns and frustrations

We hear and heed this calming voice.

God's tender voice calls us to embrace our worthiness and goodness.

We hear and heed this tender voice.

Come into this worship time to listen, hear, and see The Creating One in one another and in the beauty of all the Earth.

We accept the invitation with our togetherness and with God's blessing.

The Love of the Creating One is around, within and beyond us.

May this love fill us and inspire us here, now and always.

HYMN Christ Be Beside Me (Tune VU #409)
(words adapted from 'St. Patrick's Breastplate' (8th Century) by
J. Quinn, S.J.)

Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield of the strife.
Christ be the vision
in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

GATHERING PRAYER

Let us take a moment to settle into the silence.

Hear and feel your quiet breathing.

Hear and feel the quiet presence of this community of people.

Spirit of the morning breathe into my temple.

Spirit of the morning breathe into my temple.

Refresh my mind. Renew my heart.

Refresh my mind. Renew my heart.

Spirit of the morning. Give me courage!

Spirit of the morning. Give me courage!

Spirit of the morning. Give me strength!

Spirit of the morning. Give me strength!

Spirit of the morning, refresh us, renew me.

Spirit of the morning refresh new me.

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Andante Religioso*

Bernhard Edward Muller

We heed the wisdom of God.

READING 2 Corinthians 1 vs. 4-6

REFLECTION I - Loss

HYMN Be Still, My Soul

vs. 1 VU #652

Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.

REFLECTION II – Laughter

READINGS Proverbs 17:22, Genesis 17: 15-15,
Genesis 18:17-28

HYMN Give to Us Laughter vs. 1, 2 & 4 VU #624

Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;
let us in laughing find Christian employ,
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising and sharing delights.

Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
laughter with tears brings most healing relief.
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
joys of your presence among us increase.

We respond. . .

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Soliloquy*

David Kaplan

RECEPTION OF OFFERING AND DEDICATION HYMN

In Christ we gladly share our gifts
with those who come our way;
our mission is to show our love
to those we meet each day.

MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN God's Creation

(Tune VU #240)

(Text by Rev. Peggy McDonagh)

Praise with gladness God's creation,
full of love to guide our way:
love that heals a grieving sadness,

leads the heart to dance and play.
Celebrate creation's healing,
bringing grace to each new day.

Praise with gladness God's creation,
giving laughter, hope and worth:
nature helps the pain and sorrow,
gives the soul renewing birth.
Celebrate creation's goodness,
changing tears to wondrous mirth.

Praise with gladness God's creation,
grace to face despair and need:
love that blesses hearts in action,
joy infusing all our deeds.
Celebrate the gift of kindness,
make it our most noble creed.

and are blessed.

BENEDICTION

As we leave this sacred gathering, light in heart and spirit, may your heart be a still place of peace, a still place of love, an open place for laughter. May God's love enfold you this day and every day. (-Adapted Celtic Blessing by David Adam)

POSTLUDE *Improvisation*

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

August 11, 2019

Baptism of Emma Thelma Ilse Kirk

Daughter of Janine & Michael Kirk

Harp Music by Gianetta Baril

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are donated in memory of Jack & Ruth Moir from the Moir family.

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 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.....August Sacred Service Team
 UshersAugust Sacred Service Team
 Counters.....Colin Outtrim, Bertha Hancock
 Projection.....PSALT Team
 Reader.....Bill Way
 Guest Musician.....Lindsay Johnston – French Horn

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Aug 4	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room
Mon. Aug 5		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues. Aug 6	9:00 am 6:00 pm	CC Meeting – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Aug 7	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Qigong – TM Room Healing Touch – Robertson Hall
Thurs. Aug 8		
Fri. Aug 9		
Sat. Aug 10	7:00 am 6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Aug 11	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room

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