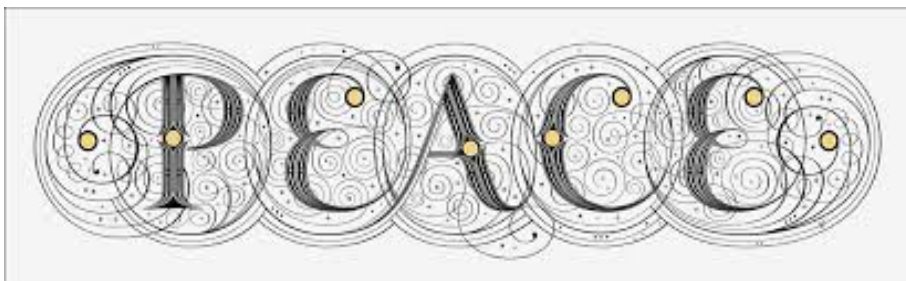


St. David's United Church
August 11, 2019



“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 11 2019

Presiding: Peggy McDonagh, Speaker: Eldon Godfrey

We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

SEED FOR MEDITATION

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the silence of violent repression.

Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.

Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is right and duty.

Archbishop Oscar A. Romero

PRELUDE

Harp selections by Gianetta Baril

WELCOME, NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light the Christ candle may we fan the flames of love and justice to illuminate the peace and Christ light we seek to be in our lives and in the world.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 85:8 & 10)

“Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

for God will speak peace to the people....

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

righteousness and peace will kiss each other.”

We gather here this Sunday at the intersection of love and faithfulness.

We come ready to nourish our spirits.

In this worship times

**prayer and praise join hands,
scripture is embraced,
and voices unite in hymns.**

We come together as peace bearers and peacemakers.

**May we be open to the God of peace,
that we may bear peace in our hearts and be
peacemakers in our communities.**

HYMN I've Got Peace Like a River

VU #577

- 1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
 I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
 I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

- 2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
 I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
 I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

- 3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
 I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
 I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

GATHERING PRAYER

We give thanks this morning, God of Peace and Love

**For small gestures:
for an unexpected card in the mail,
for an encouraging email,
for music that touches the soul,**

**for a cup of tea or coffee
for ladybirds on the windowsill,
for a gentle smile and moments of peace.**

We give thanks this morning, God of Peace and Love,
**That, when life gets overwhelming,
an unexpected kindness comes through a friend,
stranger, and nature;
that when the world swirls with violence and unrest,
we experience peace through actions of goodwill
and love. Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Opening Words by Leader and Lay Leader

Presentation of Child to be baptized

On behalf of the congregation, I present:

Emma Thelma Ilse Kirk

Daughter of Janine and Michael Kirk

Sister to Lucas Sebastian Kirk

Sponsors: Kerstin Oelstrom and Christopher Kirk

Leader I ask you Janine and Michael, do you desire to have Emma baptized into the Christian faith and in doing so to encourage her to learn from the teachings of Jesus; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking peaceably with others?

Parents **We do.**

Leader Will you strive to nurture Emma in her own faith development and spiritual awareness so she might discover the wonder of life's possibilities and know God's Presence within herself and within others and beyond?

Parents **We will, with God's grace and wisdom.**

Leader Will you teach Emma by word and deed about divine love, a love so inclusive and compassionate, that it values and honours all people and does not discriminate, does not hate, and does not mistreat?

Parents **We will, with God's grace and wisdom.**

Leader Kerstin and Christopher, you have been asked to be Godparents to Emma. As Godparents you honor the sacred request of Janine and Michael to watch Emma grow and learn about life, to love her and to support the family. Knowing this role to be vital and full of potential will you offer your understanding, guidance, kindness and love, as Emma journeys through life seeking to deepen and grow her spiritual life and Christian faith?

God Parents

We will, with God's grace and wisdom.

Leader It is important commitment to them.

Parents (To the congregation)
Will you be the village that helps nurture Emma as she learns about faith and spiritual life? Will you accept and embrace her as part of this community of faith and value her life and presence?

Congregation

Janine and Michael, we stand as witnesses to the promises you make on behalf of Emma to help her learn about her faith. With acceptance and love, we open our hearts and community to you, Lucas and Emma and promise to

journey with you as you discover the many ways your faith can guide and influence your family and your life experiences.

Action of Pouring Water

Lay Leader' words

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving and Encompassing God, water is a symbol of our interconnection within the larger community, with this community of faith and with all life. The refreshing waters of Life are placed upon the head of this child to affirm that she is accepted, valued and held within your Holy and Tender embrace. May this family be cherished, loved and embraced within each heart here and within our faith family and within each heart. Amen.

***Baptism and Anointing, Laying on of Hands*
Presentation of Baptism Candle/Certificate and gifts**

To hear the wisdom of God

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

READINGS

Hebrews 12:14 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone."

Romans 12:18 "If it is possible as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone"

Romans 14:19 "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and mutual edification."

An Adaptation taken from the Christian Scriptures

A new day is upon us, when we are no longer defined by our past, but by the Spirit shining from within us. Let us take off the garments of yesterday's sorrow and put on the beauty of God. For God has given us a new name: Righteous Peace. We make this journey toward our true Humanity together, carried by the Infinite Power of Oneness. Every mountain of resistance is brought down by truth and every valley of despair is filled in with love. For God leads us with joy into the new day and God's immense peace is our steady companion.

REFLECTION

Peace Ponderings

Eldon Godfrey

To respond...

SOLO

Let There be Peace on Earth

Josie Smith

PRAYERS

A PEACE VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God who is in us here on earth,

Holy is your name in the hungry

who share their bread and their song.

Your kingdom come,

a generous land in which confidence and truth reign.

Let us do your will,

bring a cool breeze for those who sweat.

You are giving us our daily bread

when we manage to get back our lands

or to get a fairer wage.

Forgive us

for keeping silent in the face of injustice

and for burying our dreams.

Don't let us fall into the temptation of

taking up the same arms as the enemy,

but deliver us from evil which disunites us.

**And we shall believe in humanity and in life,
and we shall have known your peace-community that
is being shaped forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN Put Peace into Each Other's Hands MV #173

Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation;
Be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands like bread we break for
sharing;
Look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong – yet tender hands, held out in trust and
blessing.

Where words fall short, let hands speak out, the heights of love
expressing.

Reach out in friendship, stay with faith in touch with those
around you.

Put peace into each other's hands; the Peace that sought and
found you.

...and be blessed.

BENEDICTION

God's way is the way of welcome, of peace, of reconciliation, of
unity.

We go, to walk the way of Peace.

May our hope be that the Sun of Justice will rise on all
humankind.

We go, to walk the way of Peace.

May the God of Peace, our constant companion, lead us along paths of solidarity and hope, and give us the joy of being united in Divine love.

SUNG BENEDICTION

VU #298

As you go in peace, as you go in peace,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
walk with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

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

August 18 2019

Piano selections by Jack Olszewski

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.

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
Lay Leader.....Darlene Heynen
Counters.....Kerry Duncan McCartney & Bob Clare
Sound.....PSALT Team
Reader.....Betsy Woolner
Guest Musician.....Gianetta Baril - Harp &
.....Josie Smith (Granddaughter of Eldon & Carlie Jean Godfrey) – Soloist

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Aug 11	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room
Mon. Aug 12	12:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall
Tues. Aug 13	9:00 am 6:00 pm	CA Meeting – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Aug 14	9:30 am 4:30 pm	Qigong – Robertson Hall Winds Ensemble - Sanctuary
Thurs. Aug 15		
Fri. Aug 16		

Sat. Aug 17	7:00 am 6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Aug 18	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room

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