

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
January 19, 2020
Third Sunday after Epiphany



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

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Mike and Dianne Trew presiding with the people of St. David's

We gather as a Christ-Infused Community of Faith

A warm welcome is extended to all. 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 and Value 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.

SEED OF MEDITATION

"Behind every specific call, whether it is to teach or preach or write or encourage or comfort, there is a deeper call that gives shape to the first: the call to give ourselves away."

— Michael Card, *The Walk: The Life-changing Journey of Two Friends*

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on the Melody "Quem Pastores" Healey Willan
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EXPANSION OF OUR HEARTS

Reader: We gather together to worship the One Who is Light and as we come together, our hearts are expanded. All life yearns to reach and expand toward the Light so that all might arise and shine in the Glory of God. The season of Epiphany calls us to listen to the voice of life that guides and directs us that we might shine the light of compassion into the world.

When the call is given may our response be, "Here I am."

Hymn to Draw us into Worship

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky vs. 1 VU #509

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Lighting the Christ Candle

May the light of Christ continue to shine
in the world and into the shadowed corners,
so that all may know God's healing love. (*Christ light is lit*)

Light of New Life

**continue to rise and shine in and through us so that your light
creates new life now and now and now. Amen.**

Entrance into Worship

Come, let us be together this morning
with the Holy Creative Designer of Life who completes creation through us.

**We come, dispersed but now gathered,
to hear the Creator's call to continue the inspired work of
building Love's realm of Justice and Righteousness.**

In this time of worship,

**We celebrate and affirm our partnership with the Creator's continued
creativity and how each of us is called to create each other in this
blessed project we call "life!"**

Hymn

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky vs. 2 & 3 VU #509

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Gathering Prayer

Here we are co-creating God,
we have heard your calling. . .

you sometimes present us with different plans.

**Open us to the idea that you might have something in store for us
that we have not previously been able to imagine.**

Draw us into your surprises.

**Give us the courage to get out of our own mold and follow
your direction to wherever it is you call us. Amen.**

Connecting – Passing the Peace

Leader: Hear the Good News!

God is the one who sets the boundaries of what is possible, and those boundaries are not fixed, but defined by ever-new possibilities of growth.

Part of the creative process is to let go and let God show us what is
bubbling to the surface of our lives.

As our greeting and passing of the peace today, I invite you to turn to your neighbors and encourage them this way, “Stay open to God’s call for your heart.”

LET THERE BE...”

(This is the “Proclaiming the Word” section of worship. God spoke “let there be...” and creation began. In this part of worship, we open to hear the wisdom that the Spirit will use to move our hearts this day. So just “let there be...” an openness and willingness to encounter something unexpected.)

Readings

Psalms 40:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-7, Quote by Van Gogh

Anthem

You Are Love

Gabrael St. Clair

Reflection

“Light shine through an open door”

Hymn

I Have Called You by Your Name

MV #161

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
Read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
Hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

“GETTING OUR HANDS DIRTY”

(This is the “Response” section of worship. Once we have heard the call to follow the light, we just must do it... just jump in to get our “hands dirty” in the work of play of faith and life. We pray and offer what we can to bring more life and joy this day and every day.)

Announcements

Invitation to Offer our Gifts

Leader: God's way in the world is illuminated through the gifts of our lives, our compassion and love. Let us offer our gifts—that the work of the Spirit can continue, through us, bringing renewed life within our community and in the world. Let us join in our morning offering

Offertory

Lift Him Up

Reba R. Gardner/arr. Paul Ferrin

Reception of Offering and Dedication Prayer

“This is my creative spirit in the world, this is my offering.
May you see the things you do, no matter how small or mundane,
as the way that you contribute goodness to the world,
creating more life, more joy, more love.”

Praise be to God, the Creator of all that is!

Sung Invitation into Prayer

Spirit of Life

VU #381

Spirit of Life come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Praying for the world we co-create

O God, fill our hearts to reach out in welcome,
make us to see your vision once more.

**Let's dream of a world where our hands are your hands,
we offer ourselves, O God, make it so.**

Make it so, make it so!

We pray for the day, make it so.

**We dream of a world where Love reigns among us
and your will is done, O God, make it so.**

Leader: If you are comfortable doing so, close your eyes for just a moment
so you can.....

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Closing Words:

Make it so,
make it so!

We pray for the day, make it so.

**We dream of a world where Love reigns among us
and your will is done, O God, make it so. Amen.**

“LIFTING THE SPIRIT”

(This is the “Going Forth” section of worship. We take the affirmation and inspiration we have experienced here, and we promise to make imagination live through our intention for this week. How will you follow your faith this week so that you lift the spirit in your life and the lives of those around you?)

Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

VU #567

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Benediction

Leader: May you see the unfolding of each day,
as an opportunity to be a Co-Creator with God.

As a Jesus-Follower, may you feel his company leading you
toward creating more kindness, justice and mercy.

May you know the nudge of the Creative Spirit within,
“making belief” in all you are and do.

Musical Closing

I Am Walking a Path of Peace MV #221

I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace, lead me home, lead me home.

I am walking a path with heart, I am walking a path with heart
I am walking a path with heart, lead me home, lead me home.

Postlude

Prelude on “Hyfrydol” *Healey Willan*

**Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives through
Worship & Nurture**

January 26

Wayne Holst and ACTS Study Group Participants

Discovering other ways of approaching God.

Holy Envy - finding the sacred in unexpected places.

“EDGE – Action and The Future of St. David’s”

In the spirit of continuing communication, action in the definition of the Future of St. David’s United Church, we invite you to a discussion group. Everyone is welcome. This meeting will be held in the foyer on the second Sunday of the month from February to June 2020. The EDGE Committee (Colin Outtrim, Deb Charnuski and Peggy McDonagh) will host 20-minute discussion after the worship service.

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

Greeters.....January Sacred Service Team
UshersJanuary Sacred Service Team
Counters.....Bernie Nemeth, Peter Adams
Projection.....PSALT Team
Reader.....Dianne Trew
MusicSanctuary Choir
Accompanist.....Garrett Krause

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