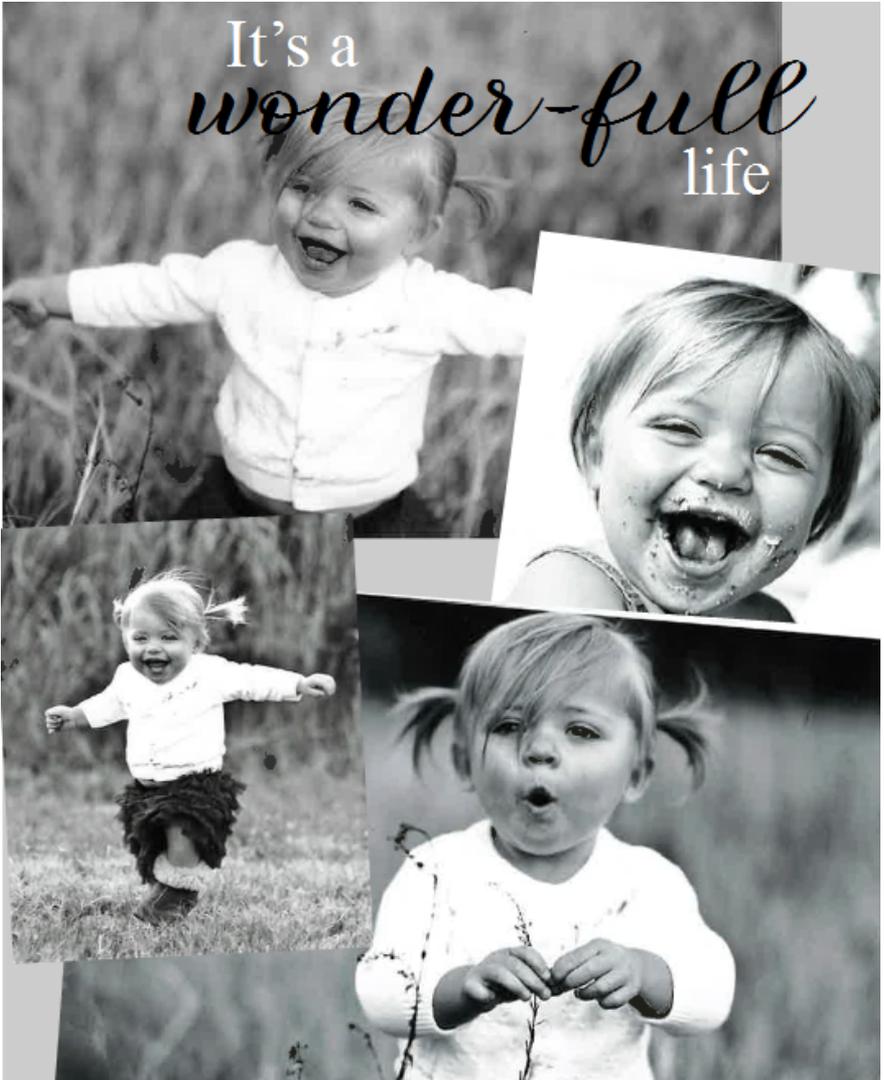


ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

February 16 2020

Week Three: Looking Out



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

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**Sunday, February 16, 2020**

Rev. Peggy McDonagh presiding with the people of St. David's

## ***We gather as a Christ-Infused Community***

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 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.*

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### **SEED OF MEDITATION**

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." – John 10: 10b

### **GATHERING: COMPASSION**

*(As we open our eyes and come out of any avoidance we have regarding our feelings about money, we illumine a candle and ask God to be with us on this journey, giving us fresh perspectives that can shift anything that holds us back from a courageous vision about our money paths. We gather to gain a fresh perspective on how money can be a valued and important part of our spiritual journey.)*

### **Prelude**

*"Molto Lento" from '7 Improvisations' - Camille Saint-Saens  
In memory of John Wilkes*

## **Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle**

### **ILLUMINATING THE SHADOWS (Threshold Moment)**

Leader: To be part of the early Jesus movements was to be . . .

Be Thou my Vision vs. 1 VU #  
**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, they presence my light.**

We light this flame to affirm that where there is light,  
**there is understanding;**  
where there is understanding,  
**there is compassion;**  
where there is compassion,  
**there is possibility;**  
where there is possibility;  
**there is transformation.**

Holy and Living God,  
transform our hearts with awe-inspiring wonder.  
**Open us to this light,**  
**May we see the rich possibilities that life brings**  
**when we look outward beyond ourselves**  
**and with generosity change the lives of others**  
**so that all may have a “wonder-full” life.**

### **Opening Hymn**

I am the Light of the World vs. 2-4 VU #87  
'I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!  
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.

To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children with warmth  
and good food,  
to feel the earth below, the sky above!

To free the prisoner from all chains,  
to make the powerful care,  
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,  
to see God's children everywhere!

To bring hope to every task you do,  
to dance at a baby's new birth,  
to make music in an old person's heart,  
and sing to the colours of the earth! R

## Connecting – Passing the Peace

Leader: Hear the Good News!  
Part of the depth of our faith.....

Gathering people together singing:

### A Wonder Full Life

Two-part round

① Easy, flowing ♩ = 92

To be full of love, to be full of grace,  
Giv-ing o - thers love, giv-ing o - thers grace,

②

to be full of peace is a won-der full life.  
giv-ing o - thers peace is a won-der full life.

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## PROCLAIMING: CURIOSITY

*(We become curious—full of “wonder-ing”—we continue to explore how our faith story invites us to live within the systems of money in which we find ourselves with honesty, grace, generosity and love)*

### Anthem

*Giver of Each Perfect Gift - Larry Shackley & Pamela Martin*

### Scripture

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Reader: In our scripture reading today. . .Let us prepare our hearts to hear the Word:

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Reader:* A reading from the Letter to Timothy

After reading:

This is the Word of God for the people of the Spirit

**Thanks be to God**

*Reflection*

*“Generosity, the Heart’s True Wealth*

**Hymn**

Generosity

(Tune: VU 420 Text: Rev. Peggy McDonagh)

Embrace this life and all its wondrous days,  
let go of fear that in our heart betrays  
the joy of life, the blessings and the praise.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

With generous hearts we spread the love of God  
to lift the shadow of defeat and dread;  
with giving hearts all lives are richly fed.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Sharing our gifts expands our inner light  
and shines our love, making life feel right;  
a giving heart opens our outward sight.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

A generous heart shows others how we care,  
supports them through the struggles that they bear;  
Talents and gifts improve the lives we share.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

## **RESPONDING: CREATIVITY**

*(This part of the service helps us to “wonder” in a different way. We invite a state of awe at the abundance of our lives by noticing the “rich” beauty around us, the presence of “treasured” people, and new and unexpected “gems” that cross our paths. We commit to engage our creativity to multiply good in the world)*

## **The Wonder of It All: Prayers**

**Thank you, Lord**

**Thank you, God,  
Thank you, God,**

**Thank you, God,  
I just want to thank you.  
Thank you, Lord,**

**Lord's Prayer Sung**

VU #959

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen

**Announcements**

**Offertory**

*Sweet is the Peace the Gospel Brings arr. Darrell Crowther*

**Offering Witness**

**Reception of Offering and Dedication Song**

Be Thou My Vision vs. 3

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Offering Prayer**

**SENDING FORTH: COMMITMENT**

*(Having walked with God in "looking" into our heart's relationship to money,  
we commit to take the practices out into the world and our daily lives with  
renewed compassion, curiosity and creativity.)*

**Sending Song** (Bernard Davis)  
What A Wonderful World (Louis Armstrong)  
I see trees of green, red roses too  
I see them bloom for me and you  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world

I see skies of blue and clouds of white  
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world

The colours of the rainbow so pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces of people going by  
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do  
They're really saying I love you.

I hear babies cry; I watch them grow  
They'll learn much more than I'll ever learn  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**  
*Improvisation*  
*for Peggy*

**Your 2019 Tax Receipts are available on the table  
at the back of the Sanctuary. Please pick them  
up as you leave.**

### **“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.

**Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives  
through Worship & Nurture  
February 23 2020  
Week Four of “A Wonder-Full Life”  
“Looking with Gratitude”  
February 23 Worship Synopsis**

**Quote from “It’s a Wonderful Life”:**

*“A toast ... to my big brother George. The richest man in town!”  
—Harry Bailey*

*Bread! That this house may never know hunger. Salt! That life  
may always have flavor! And wine!! That joy and prosperity  
may reign forever.  
—Mary Hatch Bailey*

*“You see, George, you really had a wonderful life.”  
—Clarence Odbody*

The end of the movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” is a joyful celebration of community and generosity and George Bailey’s thankfulness is infectious. At the heart of our relationship to money is living and giving with gratitude—whether the assets we must give are monetary, or our own capital of time and energy for the sake of the human family. As a result of aligning our money practices with the courageous vision we see for ourselves and our impact on the world, we end our series by looking for the hope that has been cultivated and the possibility that we will transform fear to gratitude in the act of sharing.

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

Greeters.....February Sacred Service Team  
Ushers .....February Sacred Service Team  
Projection.....PSALT Team  
Reader.....Ruth Cross  
Music .....Sanctuary Choir, Claire Sharp - Violin  
Accompanist.....Garrett Krause  
Soloist.....Bernard Davis  
Minute Speaks.....ACTS, Pat Fryers