

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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

'GOD IS HOLDING YOUR LIFE'

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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Threshold Moment

"God is Holding Your Life" Video

Lift up your eyes, behold the hills.

From where will help and rescue come?

We call the One who made the earth,

Who bless'd the stars, the moon and sun.

God is holding your life

God is holding your life

God is holding your life, we believe

[repeat refrain]

Opening Collect Prayer

Let us pray:

Holy and Just God,

You have shown us what is right and good.

Open us this day to a vision of the world made all-right
so that we might follow your ways and know the peace of your reign
on earth as it is in heaven.

**We praise you for your steadfast presence,
holding our lives together in love. Amen.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn

Bathe Me in Your Light vs. 1 & 2 VU #82

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;

let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.

Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

Bathe me in your love, O Source of Awe and Wonder;

help me walk the sacred path of harmony and peace.

May I be attentive to the musings of your presence,
drinking from the well of hope that brings the heart release.

Psalm Reading

(Read by Brent)

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Psalm Song

"These Lives are Precious"

By composer Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Reflection

God is Holding Your Life

Anthem

On Eagles' Wings

‘Selah’ Moment

In this worship series, we will use an instrumental sound to remind us to take a pause, a breath, and remember that the settling of our hearts can offer the feeling that we are held in the hands of the Divine. We will hear [the sound] and then have some silence. Feel free to close your eyes if you like. Imagine yourself held in safety and love and care. When you hear [the sound] again, open your eyes.

Chime is sounded

Silence

Chime is sounded

Prayers

Each week we will have a moment to write prayer concerns on small pieces of paper. We will then place these prayers in a container, a symbolic action of placing them in God’s hands, God’s care.

Let the people say, “Selah”
Selah!

Let us continue our prayers.

As a prayer posture for this worship series, I invite you to cup your hands, ready to receive God’s love and peace, and in preparation to be God’s love and peace in the world.

Sung Prayer Response

Put Peace into each other’s hands vs. 1 & 2 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.

The Peace

Will you make a gesture of extending your cupped hands toward others who may be with or near you as a sign of offering the peace that Christ gives us. If you are alone, place your cupped hands over

your heart, as a sign that you send your heartfelt peace out to the world.

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

With cupped hands held out in front of you let us sing:

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.

Benediction

Sung Reprise

“God is Holding Your Life”

(refrain only, consider leading a capella)

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[repeat]

Postlude

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