

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH  
JULY 1, 2018,  
Sixth after Pentecost

Who Are We Canadians?



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

Welcome to St. David's United Church

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**Sunday, July 1, 2018**  
Presiding – Kelley Warner

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***We Gather as a Christ Infused Community of Faith***

*We welcome all of you to this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost & Canada Day. Whether you are worshipping with us today for the first time or you have been here for longer than you can remember, you are embraced and accepted. Regardless of your age, stage, gender identity, sexual orientation, or how great or small you feel your faith is, we each bring something of ourselves to this sacred place. God, through us, welcomes each of you to worship.*

*The Creation and Affirming candles have been lit to affirm that all humanity and creation must be respected and valued. The Treaty 7 and Metis Region 3 candle has been lit to show respect for the land and to affirm our continued commitment to live into right relations with our indigenous brothers and sisters.*

**SEEDS OF MEDITATION**

“One of our Gitxsan metaphors on life is ‘Dim amma gaadinqu mel.’ When your canoe runs aground or flips over, you have to right your canoe and continue the journey. The Canadian society has to right its societal canoe as a big step in *reconciliation*! Canada 150 is a good place to begin the

journey together with us, the Aboriginals. Our churches have to blow the horn on reconciliation, just like [Joshua]. This will go a long way in bringing down the walls of racism.”

*Ray Jones*

“Reconciliation begins with recognizing the need to act in new and life-giving ways. Here are three ways in which your community of faith can recognize Canada’s 150th anniversary with the lens of reconciliation:

- Recognize and give thanks for the abundance that come from this land and all of its peoples.
- Recognize that Indigenous Peoples are the original peoples, and were the founding peoples of Canada; and that many cultures make up the fabric of the Canadian identity.
- Recognize the need to reflect and make plans for how we will, over the course of the next 150 years, act to make this country a place of that honours the dignity and well-being of all.” *Maggie McLeod*

**PRELUDE** *Partita No. 1- Prelude & Sarabande BWV 825*  
*J.S.Bach*

## **WELCOME/NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING**

### **INTROIT**

### **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

As we light the Christ candle, we call upon the Christ Light to play upon our worship space with generous love, sparkling wisdom, and gentle encouragement. Stir our hearts, engage our thoughts, seep into our minds, and saturate us with your summer joy.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Elise Feltrin, Gathering

This land is your land

This land is my land

**This land is God's land!**

From east to west,

From north to south

From ocean to ocean

**We gather to worship as people beholden to this land  
since before Canada was a nation,  
before the settlers arrived.**

As we come to worship in this place,

God already was, already is, already here!

**In this great land, in this holy space,  
let us join our voices and spirits  
with those past and present  
of all generations and all faiths  
who come together to praise God!**

**SONG This Land is Your Land** original by Woody Guthrie  
Adapted by The Travelers

This land is your land, This land is my land,

From Bonavista, to Vancouver Island

From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters,

This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking that ribbon of highway,

I saw above me that endless skyway;

I saw below me that golden valley

This land was made for you and me.

I roamed and I rambled and I followed my footsteps,

To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;

While all around me a voice was sounding,

Saying this land was made for you and me.

The sun came shining, and I was strolling,  
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling;  
As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting,  
This land was made for you and me.

This land is your land, this land is my land,  
From Bonavista to Vancouver Island;  
From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters,  
This land was made for you and me.

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

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“Heavenly Father, I thank you for the 151 years you have given Canada... I pray that you continue to watch over and protect our land and to continue to unite the people of the lands so that they can flourish and grow as one nation in body and spirit throughout the land...”

*Pastor Lawrence V. Sankey*

**As we gather, we recognize that our history is not all glory.**

**The history of Canada has both joy and sorrow, both triumph and tragedy.**

**We have much to celebrate, much to lament, and much to dream.**

Come, let us gather in the presence of God, our Creator.

**Come, let us worship the Creator in whom we, and all of creation, are one.**

Come, let us open our hearts in thanksgiving.

**Come, let us be filled with the Spirit’s vision as we worship today.**

**We remember and give thanks**

for the people who have been the stewards of this land since time immemorial, and commit ourselves to the work of justice, healing, and reconciliation over the next 150+ years.

**Together we dream about the country that we hope to become, a country where all are free and equal to be their best selves.**

**Amen.**

# ***We hear the Wisdom of God...***

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Joshua 6:1-11, 15-25; 2 Samuel 7:1-14, Mark 6:7-13

**MUSIC**     *Song Without Words Op. No. 1*     *F. Mendelssohn*

## **REFLECTION**

**Who are we Canadians?**

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

O Canada

O Canada!

Our home on Native land!

True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,

The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

## **INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**     *Invention No. 2, BWV 773*

*J. S. Bach*

## **RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN**

VU# 541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures high and low;

give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORDS PRAYER

**HYMN** Open My Eyes That I May See

VU #371

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

***...and we are blessed.***

## COMMISSIONING

*Kate Crawford*

We have been given the ministry of reconciliation!  
We are ambassadors for Christ!  
Let us go from this place with this good news to  
share with a world most hungry to hear it!

**GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP  
AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE  
Stampede Sunday – July 8  
Alison Demeter**

**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](mailto:admin@sduc.ca) no later than Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are left in loving memory of Ruth Moir and John Moir by the Moir Family.

**PASTORAL CARE** *If you have any pastoral concerns about yourself or others please contact Kelley Warner or Peggy McDonagh at the church office. If you know someone who is in long term care, in hospital or is in need of 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 awhile please contact the office or contact the people and let them know that they are missed. As a congregation, we all have to 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.

## **Level 1 Healing Touch Class**

July 7 & 8

More information available in brochures available outside the office.

## THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Greeters.....July Sacred Service Team  
 Ushers .....July Sacred Service Team  
 Counters.....Colin Outrim, Bertha Hancock  
 Reader.....Eldon Godfrey  
 Projection.....PSALT Team  
 Sunday Receptionist.....Margaret Pellicci  
 Guest Musician .....piano - Jack Olszewski

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## ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. July 1	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. July 2		Office Closed
Tues. July 3	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. July 4	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Qigong – TM Room Healing Touch – Robertson Hall
Thurs. July 5		
Fri. July 6	7:00 pm	Music Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Sat. July 7	6:00 pm	True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. July 8	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room

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