

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

July 22, 2018

Embracing Imperfection



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 22, 2018**

Presiding: Kelley Warner

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*We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith*

*We welcome all of you to St. David's United. 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 us to worship.*

*Prior to the service the Creation and Affirming 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.*

**SEEDS OF MEDITATION**

"To become fully human means learning to turn my gratitude for being alive into some concrete common good. It means growing gentler toward human weakness. It means practicing forgiveness of my and everyone else's hourly failures to live up to divine standards."

- Brene Brown

"My imperfections and failures are as much a blessing from God as my successes and my talents and I lay them both at his feet."

-Mahatma Gandhi

"Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the best."

-Henry Van Dyke

“Perfectionism is a dangerous state of mind in an imperfect world.”

*-Robert Silliman Hillyer*

## **PRELUDE**

*Improvisation*

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

### **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.

### **FOCUSING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*Richard Bott,  
Gathering*

When we come to this place,  
what are we looking for?

When we gather together,  
what do we hope to find?

**Community.**

**Caring.**

**Christ.**

When we come to this place,  
what are we bringing?

When we gather together,  
what do we hope to offer?

**Our loves.**

**Our lives.**

**Ourselves.**

Whatever you are looking for,  
whatever you bring, know this:  
this is God's home,  
you are God's beloved,  
and you are welcomed here,

**Let us worship God!**

## **HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy

VU #315

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth  
and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

#### **GATHERING PRAYER**

*Wendy MacLean, Gathering*

**Great and loving God,  
In the beauty of this summer day  
May we sense your creating spirit  
Inviting us to share the goodness of life.  
You have given us the gift of Sabbath rest  
And ask us to notice your goodness all around us,  
To share in the celebration of your word  
creating and recreating with each story and in each  
prayer.  
Today may we meet you in our shared wisdom  
And longing for the understanding  
That leads us to the way of Christ.  
Keep us from the deluge of distractions  
And the pursuit of perfection  
That lead us away from you. Amen.**

*...to hear the wisdom of God.*

**READINGS**            2 Samuel 11:1-5, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10,  
Ephesians 3:14-21, Brene Brown

**SOLO**            *Praise My Soul The King of Heaven*            *J. Goss*

**REFLECTION**            Embracing Imperfection

**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.

*...and to respond*

**INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**      *Ave Maria*

*F. Schubert*

**DEDICATION HYMN**

VU #538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hand.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

**SUMMER PRAYERS AND THE JESUS PRAYER**

**HYMN**      Take, O Take Me as I Am

MV #85

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**SUNG BLESSING**      When You Walk from Here

VU

#298

When you walk from here,  
when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's humble care.

**POSTLUDE**

*Improvisation*

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

July 29, 2018 - Kelley Warner

Thanks to Kelley for her worship leadership during July her last month  
with us at St. David's.

**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.

***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 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.....July Sacred Service Team  
 Ushers .....July Sacred Service Team  
 Counters.....David Mitchell, Dorothy Duker  
 Reader.....Bill Way  
 Projection.....PSALT Team  
 Sunday Receptionist.....Dorothy Duker  
 Guest Musician.....Lindsay Johnston – French Horn  
 Minute Speak.....Sally Hodges

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## ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. July 22	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. July 23	12:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall
Tues. July 24	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. July 25	9:30 am	Qigong – TM Room
Thur. July 26		
Fri. July 27		
Sat. July 28	6:00 pm	True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. July 29	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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