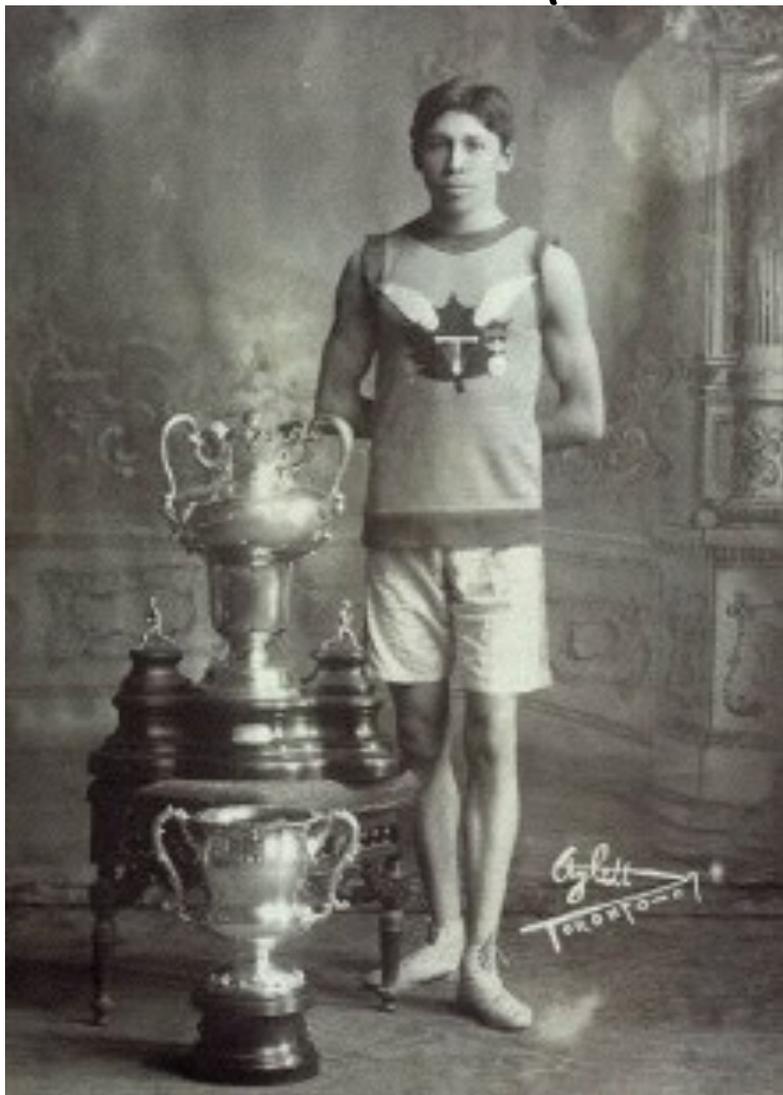


ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
JULY 15, 2018
Heroes and Hope



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 15, 2018
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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

“The likelihood that your acts of resistance cannot stop the injustice does not exempt you from acting in what you sincerely and reflectively hold to be the best interests of your community.”

— Susan Sontag, *At the Same Time: Essays and Speeches*

“We must learn that passively to accept an unjust system is to cooperate with that system, and thereby to become a participant in its evil.

— Martin Luther King Jr.

“Each time a [person] stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

— Robert Kennedy

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.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP Alf Dumont, *Mandate*

We open ourselves to the One who gave us life.
We bring ourselves before God, our Creator.

**We come to pray,
we come to sing, and
we come to dance
for the Spirit of God has called us.**

We come seeking insight, teaching, and hope
for our community and our lives.

**You, O God, are the centre of our circle.
You are the centre of our lives.
We enter into worship with grateful hearts.**

HYMN I Have Called You by Your Name
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.

MV #161

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.

GATHERING PRAYER

Alf Dumont, *Mandate*

O God, our Creator,
you bring us into being and you guide us throughout life.
We are thankful that you have called us into this circle of worship
today.

**We thank you for the teaching: that we are to respect
one another.**

We thank you for the teaching: that all are equal in the circle.

We thank you for the teaching: that we have been called to create "right relations" with each other.

Be with us as we share together and grow spiritually.

We are thankful for this day.

We are thankful to be in this circle of life with each other.

Through your sacredness, O God, we are made sacred.

May we experience your presence through our sharing on this day.

...to hear the wisdom of God

READINGS 2 Samuel 5:1-5 & 9-10, Mark 6:14-29, Susan Sontag, Martin Luther King Jr., Robert Kennedy

SOLO *Anzoleta dopo la ragata*

G. Rossini

REFLECTION **Heroes and Hope**

HYMN **Though Ancient Walls**

VU #691

Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!

Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!

When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack.

Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!

Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!

The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new.

Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!

The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name!

Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!

This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.

God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery!

Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!

...and to respond

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

La Vie En Rose

L. Guy

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE JESUS PRAYER

HYMN Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU #684

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

...and be blessed.

BLESSING

Alf Dumont, *Mandat*

Go now, as the Spirit of life has called us:

to be a people of grace

to be a people of truth

to be a people who pursue peace

to be a people who forgive

to be a people who remember

to be a people who love

**to be a people who honour others in the pursuit of
right relations**

And may God go with us. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Improvisation*

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

July 22 & 29, 2018 - Kelley Warner

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

SAVE THE DATE

Don't miss your opportunity to celebrate Rev. Kelley's time
with St. David's on July 22, 2018. She will be presented
with a small token of our appreciation and we will enjoy
some cake with her after the service. Cards will be available
in the foyer for you to sign the Sunday services leading up
July 22.

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 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
 UshersJuly Sacred Service Team
 Counters.....Bernie Nemeth & Peter Adams
 Reader.....John Wilkes
 Projection.....PSALT Team
 Guest Musician.....Eileen Kosasih – piano & Bethany Yon - soprano

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. July 15	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. July 16	8:00 am	Amici Strings Camp
Tues. July 17	8:00 am 6:00 pm	Amici Strings Camp Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room

Wed. July 18	8:00 am 9:30 am	Amici Strings Camp Qigong – TM Room
Thur. July 19	8:00 am	Amici Strings Camp
Fri. July 20	8:00 am	Amici Strings Camp
Sat. July 21	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Roman Catholic Woman's Priests – Sanctuary & TM Room True Light Church – Robertson Hall
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

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