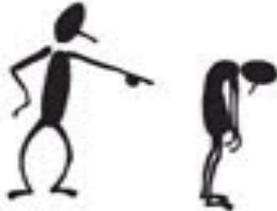


**ST. DAVID'S UNITED
CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

Words Can
Hurt 
or  **Heal**
**What Did Yours
Do Today?**

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Ephesians 4:29 "Let not any hateful words come out of your mouth, but whatever is good and useful for improvement that you may give grace to those who hear." Aramaic Bible in Plain English

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Sunday, September 2, 2018
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We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

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 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.

SEED FOR MEDITATION

"Words have power to destroy or heal. When words are both true and kind, they can change our world."
-The Buddha-

PRELUDE

Toccata in F# minor

J.S. Bach BWV 910

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle to honor the Christ Consciousness and Universal Energy moving within us, between us and beyond us.

The blessing of the Christ be upon us –

The blessing of daylight

The blessing of sunlight,

The blessing of the waters and the animals

The blessings of one another.

May the Christ light scatter the darkness from before us that we may walk as people full of the divine and loving light of God.

- adapted David Adam, vicar of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, Ireland

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

We gather this morning from the busyness of our lives
to reconnect with ourselves and others.

We come face to face with God in the faces of others.

We come as one among many,

**but each one has the power to light the way of love in
life.**

“Aware of the violence in the world

We claim the power of words to bring peace

Aware of the greed in the world

**We claim the power of words to express gratitude and
generosity**

Aware of the abuse and division in the world

**We claim the power of words to cultivate respect and
healing**

Aware of the falsehood and deception in the world

We claim the power of speaking the truth

In times of universal deceit, telling the truth will be a revolutionary act.”

– *George Orwell*

HYMN This is the Day

This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!

This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,

Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!

2nd verse:

Seizing the day with love and joy;

we will rejoice and be glad!

Singing with voices filled with praise;

we will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,

Singing hallelu, we will rejoice and be glad.

RESPONSIVE GATHERING PRAYER

We have come into community, God,

**We have felt the touch of the coolness of the air,
a reminder that the season of summer is passing.**

We have heard the call of voices that speak to us of love.

**Gather with us in this sacred time. Bless our words, bless
our thoughts, and bless our songs that they might become**

actions that reflect your loving and compassionate light within us. Amen.

. . .to hear the wisdom of God.

READINGS Psalm 19:14, Proverbs 15:1, Proverbs 15:4, Proverbs 12:18, James 1: 19-21; Mark 7: 14-15; 21-23; Matthew 8:16, Matthew 12:34, Matthew 12:36, Colossians 3:8, Ephesians 4:29; Quote by don Miguel Ruiz, "The Four Agreements"

SOLO

Solitude

D. Ellington

REFLECTION *'The Power of Words to Hurt or Heal'*

We respond. . .

HYMN God of Courage

(Tune: VU #387)

(Text by Rev Peggy McDonagh)

God of Courage, God of Wisdom
clear our minds, unstop our ears.
Justice-love, God's truthful power,
feeds our hope, dismantles fears.

Hurtful words and hate-filled living
break the soul and rend the heart.
Move us God from harmful judgment,
fear and tyranny depart.

Words of healing, sacred caring
bless the wearied soul awake.
Cherishing all human living
bitter chains of sin we break.

Life is sacred, life is precious
life of each, a gift of grace.
Godly presence finds expression
in each cherished human face.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Partita No. 1 in B-flat-Sarabande* J.S.Bach BWV 825

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/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.

MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN Though I May Speak

VU #372

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Though I may long for love and grace,
to show God's wisdom on my face
but speak with words that cause deep pain,
a heavy heartache will remain.
4. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.

...and are blessed.

BLESSING

"Through your word you express your creative power...your intent manifests through the word. What you dream, what you feel, and what you really are, will all be manifested through the word."

– don Miguel Ruiz, *The Four Agreements*

We must watch our thoughts; they become words.

We must watch our words; they become actions.

We must watch our actions; they become habits.

We must watch our habits; they become character.

We must watch our character; it becomes our destiny.

SUNG BENEDICTION

VU #454

May God who creates us give us light;
May God who sustains us make us wise;
May God who protects us give us joy,
May God who surrounds us give us peace.

POSTLUDE: *The Heavens are Telling* . Haydn /arr. M. Powell Setchell

Worship and Spiritual Nurture
September 9, 2018
Presiding Rev. Peggy McDonagh

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.

The Rainbow Room Nursery is available for infants to pre-school age, downstairs at the end of Robertson Hall. Easy Listener hearing devices are available from the ushers.

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 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.....Sept. Sacred Service Team
 UshersSept. Sacred Service Team
 Counters.....Bertha Hancock Colin Outtrim
 Reader.....Eileen Ladd
 Projection.....PSALT Team
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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Sept. 2	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. Sept. 3		Office closed
Tues. Sept. 4	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Sept. 5	9:30 am 6:15 PM 7:00 pm	Qigong – TM Room Hearts and Hands – TM Room Healing Touch – Robertson Hall
Thurs. Sept. 6	1 :00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Organ Practice - Sanctuary Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Sept. 7	4:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons - Lacombe
Sat. Sept. 8	6:00 pm 7:00 PM	True Light Church – Robertson Hall Drama Registration - Sanctuary

Sun. Sept. 9	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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