

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED
CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**



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

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, September 9, 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

"Connection is the energy people feel when they feel seen, heard, and valued when they can give and receive without judgment."

Brene Brown, Daring Greatly

"Connection, along with love and belonging, is why we are here, and it is what gives purpose and meaning to our lives."

Brene Brown

PRELUDE *Praeludium in G minor*

N. Bruhns

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light the Christ candle and give thanks for the community connections that we experience that invite us to embrace each other in love, to welcome one another with acceptance, and to bask in the present brightness of the Christ light that binds our hearts in love.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Come into this circle of community. Come into this sacred place of belonging. Imagine a spiritual community of deep belonging:

It brings together, rather than tears apart.

Imagine the peace.

It celebrates diversity, rather than fearing difference.

Imagine the justice.

It deeply respects this life, rather than wait for the next life.

Imagine the integrity.

It lives the questions, rather than enforce the answers.

Imagine the openness.

It is a sacred healing place in which, all are welcomed, all are accepted, all are love, and all belong.

Imagine the connection, the freedom, the wholeness as we are surrounded and enfolded in the heart of God.

HYMN Come In, Come In and Sit Down

VU #395

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. R

2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R

3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. R

4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. R

RESPONSIVE GATHERING PRAYER

God of our Hearts and Hope, so much of life is about the struggle and the joy of belonging. From our first cry as newborns, our deep longing for attention, attachment, and affection have shaped us. We long to be known, to be seen

and accepted for who we are; we yearn to be in a community in which we matter.

At the core of our being, we know and experience the need to relate to one another. We long for connection and for fellowship in a safe belonging place.

May we see each other as unique and yet one.

May we see differences between us and all that we share that is in common.

May we honour what we see when we look into each other's eyes.

God, this day we give thanks for this community, for the welcome, the understanding and the healing balm of belonging. Amen.

. . .to hear the wisdom of God.

FAITH CHAT AND SONG

READINGS 1 Peter 2:9-10, Acts 2:43-47, Ephesians 2:11-14,
The theme song from the TV hit Cheers

ANTHEM *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

T. Tallis

REFLECTION *'The Spirituality of Belonging'*

We respond. . .

HYMN In this sacred space of worship

Tune: VU #374
Text Rev Peggy McDonagh

In this sacred space of worship
unity and peace, we find.
Here the place of deep belonging
stills the restless lonely mind.
Being loved in gathered caring,
gives the heart a warming glow;
in our move from one to many
deep connections form and grow.

We the church accept all people,
fold them in a large embrace;
to belong in sacred family,
gives us strength in all we face.
Suffering eases, aloneness ceases,
loving deeds to light the way,
through this sacred house of friendship,
love and gladness touch our day.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Cantate Domino* *H.L. Hassler*
Translation: O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day. Declare his honour unto the heathen and his wonders unto all people.

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN vs. 3 VU #518

3 With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause, but share
your love with neighbours too.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN Draw the Circle Wide MV #145

Chorus **Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

God the still point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

Chorus

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Chorus

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Chorus

...and are blessed.

CELTIC BLESSING

May you live this day: compassionate of heart, gentle in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, generous in love. In the name of Silence, Womb of the Word, in the name of Stillness, home of Belonging, in the name

of the Solitude, of the Soul and the Earth, go from this Sacred belonging place blessed and at peace.

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

Praeludium in E minor

N. Bruhns

Worship and Spiritual Nurture - September 16, 2018

Presiding Rev. Peggy McDonagh,
Guest Speakers Refugee Committee and Nima
Lunch provided by the Tibetan Community

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.

THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Greeters.....	September Sacred Service Team
Ushers	September Sacred Service Team
Counters.....	Kerry Duncan McCartney & Bob Clare
Reader.....	John Wilkes
Projection.....	PSALT Team
Sunday Receptionist.....	Bertha Hancock
Music	Chamber Choir
Minute speak.....	ACTS

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Sept 9	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Youth Group – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
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Mon. Sept 10	12:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall Sparks – TM Room Brownies – Robertson Hall Girl Guides – Robertson Hall ACTS Spiritual Travellers Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues. Sept 11	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Sept 12	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Qigong – TM Room Adult Recreational Choir - Sanctuary
Thurs. Sept 13	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Sept 14	4:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons - Lacombe
Sat. Sept 15	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Royal Canadian College of Organists - TM True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Sept 16	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Youth Group – Robertson Hall Lunch – Robertson Hall Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room

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