

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED  
CHURCH  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 16, 2018**

Presiding: Peggy McDonagh, Guest: Nima Dorjee and the Refugee  
Committee

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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**

*Still in mind, exhale peace,  
Let go of worries, exhale stress  
Notice the breath. Connect to all. Embrace calm.*

**PRELUDE**

*Sonata No. 6 – Finale: Andante  
Sonata No. 3 – Andante Tranquillo*

*F. Mendelssohn  
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**NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

We light the Christ candle and give thanks for the connections that we experience with the Tibetan community. Connections of love, acceptance, and compassion. We bask in the present brightness of the Christ light that binds our hearts in love.

**ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP** (adapted from a Poem by Bhante Wimala)

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship meditate on these words:

When your mind becomes motionless  
and the brilliant eyes of the peaceful mind  
take a straight look down into the depth of your heart  
you will see the life-force pulsating and thriving  
in the warmth of pure love.

As you experience this pure love  
what we all call "heart"  
beams of light will begin to radiate from the center of it  
for heaven is there in eternity.

**If I can release this radiance of love  
and allow it to flow through me,  
my heart will become light.  
The spirit will get liberated into the air  
and then, from a place of inner stillness  
I will know what it would be like  
to be an eagle and soar in the evening skies.**

**HYMN** Let Us Build a House

Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 MV #1

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

God of all life and all ways, we are whole, free, and unlimited Potential. We are followers of the Way: the way of Christ, the way of Moses, the way of Buddha, the way of Mohammed, the way of Confucius, or simply, the Way. The way to freedom brings the ability to live transparently in the largeness of Life. This day, as we gather together with visitors and friends, we prepare for Life and we go out to meet Life, expansively, in Love. Amen.

**FAITH CHAT AND SONG**

. . .to hear the wisdom of God.

**READINGS** Psalm 112: 3-5; Colossians 3:12; Ephesians 4:32;  
Jesus and Buddha in Parallel;  
Quote by His Holiness the Dalai Lama from *The Essence of the Heart Sutra*

**ANTHEM** *A Legacy of Hope and a Heritage of Love* S.  
*DeFord*

**REFLECTION I** Our Story (St. David's) Donna  
Fallon

**HYMN** Christ of compassion (Tune: VU #307)  
(Text: Rev. Peggy McDonagh)

Christ of compassion, Christ of all giving,  
hearts are filled full of your wisdom and care.  
Love's living presence, Spirit of Sharing,  
nourish and strengthen the faith that we bear.

Love for our neighbor, friend to the stranger,  
gladly we open a place in our heart.  
Peace to the fearful, hope to the lonely,  
spirits renewed through the love we impart.

**REFLECTION II** The Tibetan Experience Nima Dorjee

**HYMN** Traveling companions, friends on the journey,  
sharing our kindness, our joy to increase.

Hope gives our faith its courage and wisdom,  
shaping our world with the love we release.

Love from the heart, the sweetest expression,  
tells of the Spirit alive in this place.  
Spreading God's love to all the world's people,  
touching all living, with kindness and grace.

*We respond. . .*

## **INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**                    *Hallelujah*                    *L. Cohen/adapted by Rev. G. Wells*  
*Congregation joins on verse 5 –*  
*There's a blaze of light in every word*  
*It doesn't matter which you heard*  
*The holy or the broken hallelujah*  
*Now you can trace your heart's desire*  
*Like David on his shepherd's lyre*  
*Till your faint voice can raise its Hallelujah*  
*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

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

In Gratitude and Humble Trust

VU 544 (Tune: VU #518)

**In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.**  
**O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.**

## **MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN**                    We are Pilgrims on a Journey                    vs. 1-4, 6                    VU #595

- 1        We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 2        Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;**

pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

6 Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

*...and are blessed.*

### **BUDDHIST BLESSING**

As you leave this sacred gathering  
May the power of every moment of your goodness  
flow forth to awaken and heal all beings.

By the power of every moment of your goodness  
May your heart's wishes be soon fulfilled.

By the power of every moment of your goodness  
May all dangers be averted, and all disease be gone.  
May no obstacle come across your way.  
May you enjoy fulfillment and long life.

For all in whose heart dwells respect,  
who follow the wisdom and compassion, of the Way,  
May your life prosper in the four blessings  
of old age, beauty, happiness and strength.

### **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**     *Sonata No. 2 – Fuga: Allegro Moderato*

*F. Mendelssohn*

**PLEASE JOIN US IN ROBERTSON HALL  
FOR REFRESHMENTS AND VISIT WITH OUR GUESTS**

**Worship and Spiritual Nurture - September 23, 2018**

Presiding Rev. Peggy McDonagh  
Welcome Back Lunch provided by Council  
Music by Angel Voices

**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](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 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 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.

**THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Greeters.....September Sacred Service Team  
 Ushers .....September Sacred Service Team  
 Counters.....  
 Reader.....Refugee Committee Member  
 Projection.....PSALT Team  
 Sunday Receptionist.....  
 Music .....Sanctuary Choir, Bernard Davis, Wendy Dey &  
 .....Kerry Duncan McCartney - soloists  
 Accompanist.....Garrett Krause

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## ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

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
Mon. Sept 17	12:30 pm 1:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall Prayer Shawl Meeting – TM Room Sparks – TM Room Brownies – Robertson Hall Girl Guides – Robertson Hall ACTS Book Study – Tm Room Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues. Sept 18	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Sept 19	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Qigong – TM Room Adult Recreational Choir - Sanctuary
Thurs. Sept 20	7:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Muffin Day – Front Foyer ACTS Bible Study – TM Room Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Sept 21	4:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons - Lacombe

Sat. Sept 22	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal - Sanctuary True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Sept 23	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 Welcome Back Lunch – Robertson Hall Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room

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