

*ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH*  
*OCTOBER 7, 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 October 7, 2018**  
**THANKSGIVING/WORLD COMMUNION**  
Presiding: Peggy McDonagh

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*We gather in faith as a Christ-infused church*

## **SEED FOR MEDITATION**

"Gratitude is a state of being in which we feel connected to everything in the universe. It is a fullness of the heart that recognizes the blessings of Nature within and without. Gratitude is love for the goodness of life itself." – Deepak Chopra, M.D.

## **PRELUDE**

*Communion Op. 74. No. 4*  
*Communion*  
*Of Bread and Wine*

*A. Guilment*  
*M. Archer*  
*D. L. McIntyre*

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

### **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND CREATION CANDLES**

We light this Christ candle to symbolize the gratitude we feel for this faith community and for all life's blessings. May the spirit of thankfulness open our hearts to the wonders and beauty of life and in gratitude bow deeply saying, "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

### **ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP**

Autumn is slipping quickly through the trees; early snows take off their many-coloured garments.

**We give thanks for the earth's natural cycles and for this season of autumn.**

Days growing shorter, air turning crisp, snow piling high, slow waning of the light, stars that shine in cold, dark nights.

**We give thanks for this season of closure.**

Harvest joys and fears, hearts seeking thanksgiving, and tables laden with gifts from the earth.

**We give thanks for this season of earth's abundant offering.**

Seasons turn, summer handing over autumn.

**Let us sing, giving praise for cycles of life, the challenges of creation, and the many blessings that touch our hearts and our lives.** (– adapted from Joyce Rupp, *The Circle of Life*)

**HYMN** For the Fruit of All Creation

VU # 227

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

God of Thanksgiving, maker of the seasons, today we give thanks for the important things of our days: fresh air to breathe, cool water to drink, family and friends, the taste of food, the protection of houses and clothes and the comforts of home. From our hearts, with our hands, through our voices,

**We thank you God of life!**

**For every sunrise and sunset, every smile and tear,  
for every moment that has passed and every moment yet to  
come.**

**Let us be loving and caring in a culture that consistently  
challenges these virtues.**

**Let our gratitude bless our homes and hearts,  
and the world this day. Amen.**

*...to seek and respond to the wisdom of God*

### **FAITH CHAT**

**READINGS** 1 Timothy 4:4-5; Colossians 3: 15-17

Quote by Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

Quote by Rabbi Harold Kushner, Quote by Thomas S. Monson, "An Attitude of Gratitude," *Ensign*, May 1992, 54).

**ANTHEM***All Thanks and Praise**M. Patterson***REFLECTION** 'A heart blessing: gratitude'**HYMN** Your Blessings Overflow!

(Tune VU #81)

(Adapted from text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

God, your blessings overflow!  
 What can we begin to say?  
 How can we begin to show?  
 All our gratitude this day?  
 From the heart our thanks we sing  
 For the love we freely bring.

Thank you for the life we live  
 For our friends and family  
 For the land our earth does give  
 For your grace that sets us free.  
 Thank you, God, for daily bread,  
 And for feasts of joy we spread.

So, with praise we gladly share  
 Acts of thanks to shape the day  
 Loving, serving, giving care,  
 Living well the Jesus way,  
 Spirit may our lives express  
 All our daily thankfulness.

**INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS****OFFERTORY***I Thank You Lord**J. M. Martin***RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION AND PRESENTATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS**

As We Gather at Your Table

vs. 1 VU #457

1 As we gather at your table,  
     as we listen to your word,  
 help us know, O God, your presence;  
     let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 Nourish us with sacred story  
     till we claim it as our own;  
 teach us through this holy banquet  
     how to make Love's victory known.

## **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION (see insert)**

**HYMN**      Now Thank We All Our God

VU # 236

- 1    Now thank we all our God, with heart,  
          and hands, and voices,  
          who wondrous things has done,  
          in whom this world rejoices;  
          who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
          with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
  
- 2    O may this bounteous God  
          through all our life be near us,  
          with ever joyful hearts  
          and blessed peace to cheer us,  
          and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
          and free us from all ill in this world and the next.
  
- 3    All praise and thanks to God  
          for all that has been given,  
          the Son, and Spirit blest  
          who dwell in highest heaven,  
          the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
          for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*. . .and are blessed.*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **MUSICAL BLESSING**

VU #454

May God who creates you give you light,  
may God who sustains you make you wise;  
may God who protects you give you hope,  
may God who surrounds you give you peace.

**POSTLUDE**      *Now Thank We All Our God*

*J.S.Bach/arr. V. Fox*

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

OCTOBER 14, 2018

World Food Sunday

**On World Food Day, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Food Banks Canada  
is asking Canadians to act in support of local food  
banks**

**PLEASE BRING FOOD BANK ITEMS TO CHURCH ON  
OCTOBER 14, 2018**

**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 or Debbie Stockdale 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.....October Sacred Service Team  
 Ushers .....October Sacred Service Team  
 Counters.....Colin Outtrim, Bertha Hancock  
 Reader.....Richard Christmas  
 Projection.....PSALT Team  
 Sunday Receptionist.....Margaret Pellicci  
 Music .....Sanctuary Choir  
 Accompanist.....Garrett Krause  
 Minute Speak.....Pat Fryers – Calgary Alliance, Ruth Cross

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## ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Oct. 7	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Welcome Back Lunch – Robertson Hall Youth Group – Youth Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. Oct. 8		Office Closed
Tues. Oct. 9	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room Hearts & Hands – Lacombe
Wed. Oct. 10	9:30 am 5:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Qigong – Robertson Hall January SS Team Potluck – TM Room Adult Recreational Choir – Sanctuary LaCocinelle Board Meeting - Lacombe
Thurs. Oct. 11	9:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	ACTS Bible Study – TM Room Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Oct. 12	11:00 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Finance Meeting – TM Room Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe Friendship Club
Sat. Oct. 13	9:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal - Sanctuary Drama Rehearsal - Sanctuary True Light Church – Robertson Hall

Sun. Oct. 14	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room Youth Group – Robertson Hall Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
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## CALGARY ALLIANCE FOR THE COMMON GOOD - ACTION ASSEMBLY

Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:

Tuesday, 16 October 2018 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (MDT)

**Temple B'Nai Tikvah**  
 900 47 Avenue Southwest  
 Calgary, AB T2S 3C8  
 Canada

The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good will be holding its first public action assembly. We hold these assemblies to gather our members so that we can act together to bring about a significant change in our city.

At the October assembly we will have provincial and municipal officials present. We will be asking them to support our request to connect seniors to the non-medical homes supports they needs so that they can stay in their homes and connected to their communities.

We will also be gathering to listen to Chief Crowchild and other indigenous leaders to hear what work needs to be done to make reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous people a reality in our city.

Your presence is important. Not only is it a chance to experience the potential of our alliance, but by coming together, we are able to demonstrate our shared strength. This will put us in a place to establish a strong public relationship with our public officials and to have them respond by addressing the real need in our community to support seniors and to work towards reconciliation.