

# ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

## October 14, 2018

### HONOURING WORLD FOOD DAY

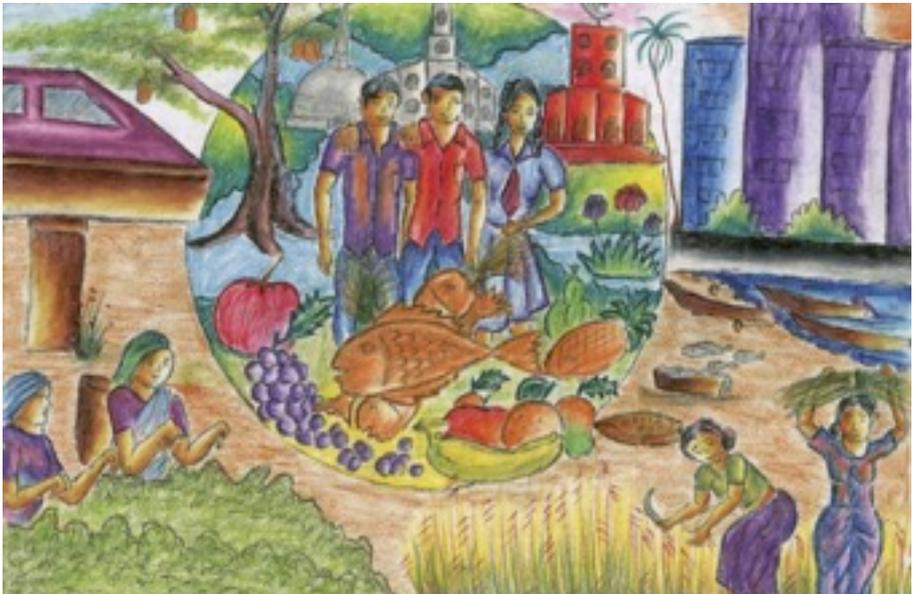


16 October 2018  
World Food Day

Our Actions are our Future.

A **#ZeroHunger** world  
by 2030 **is possible.**

Working for **SDG 2**



***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 14, 2018**

Presiding – Peggy McDonagh

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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 OF MEDITATION**

**PRELUDE**      *Chorale Prelude on "Quem Pastores"  
Christe, Redemptor Omnium*

*H. Willan  
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**WELCOME, NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING**

**PROCESSION OF BREAD AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

This bread reminds us of our human failure to share freely with all the earth's people and is a symbol of our hope for the elimination of hunger and an equal share of the earth's resources. We light the Christ Candle reminding us of Jesus' life and ministry dedicated to establishing a Divine Community of Justice, Fairness and Love.

**LIGHTING THE VALUE CANDLE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**      *Come Let's Rejoice*

*J. Amner*

**ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP**

As we gather in worship let us be mindful of our interconnectedness to all life. We are connected to the earth, to its present and its future.

**Creator teach us stillness like calm waters.**

Let us be mindful this day that plants and animals die to yield food for us. It is death, that makes the harvest possible and for all to have food.

**Creator teach us gratitude as a dry field that weeps in the rain.**

Let us be mindful of the unfailing life force, which dwells within the grain and rises to birth again.

**Creator teach us hope as the seed that rises in the spring.**

On this World Food Sunday may this worship time remind us to honour the earth, eat with thanksgiving what is grown and harvested, contribute to overcome hunger for all, preserve our lands and waters, and graciously thank both the Earth and farmer, co-creators of our daily bread.

**Creator teach us courage as the tree that stands firm in the wind.**

**HYMN**      O for a World

vs. 1 – 4    VU #697

- 1    O for a world where everyone  
     respects each other's ways,  
     where love is lived and all is done  
     with justice and with praise.
  
- 2    O for a world where goods are shared  
     and misery relieved,  
     where truth is spoken, children spared,  
     equality achieved.
  
- 3    We welcome one world family  
     and struggle with each choice  
     that opens us to unity  
     and gives our vision voice.
  
- 4    The poor are rich, the weak are strong,  
     the foolish ones are wise.  
     Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,  
     who perishes will rise.

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**Loving God, take our hands, take our lives,  
ordinary as wheat or cornmeal,  
daily as bread –  
our stumbling generosity, our simple actions,  
and find them good enough to help prepare the feast  
for all your people.**

*...to hear the wisdom of God.*

**FAITH CHAT AND SONG**

## INTRODUCTION TO THEME

**ANTHEM**      *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*

*E. Poston*

**REFLECTIONS AND READINGS** James 2:14-16; Acts 2:44-46; John 6:5-13

Quote by John Dominic Crossan, *The Greatest Prayer*

**HYMN**      When Pain of the World

VU #598

- 1    When pain of the world surrounds us  
      with darkness and despair,  
      when searching just confounds us  
      with false hopes everywhere,  
      when lives are starved for meaning  
      and destiny is bare,  
      we are called to follow Jesus  
      and let God's healing flow through us.
  
- 2    We see with fear and trembling  
      our aching world in need,  
      confessing to each other  
      our wastefulness and greed.  
      May we with steadfast caring  
      the hungry children feed.  
      We are called to follow Jesus  
      and let God's justice flow through us.
  
- 3    The church is a holy vessel  
      the living waters fill  
      to nourish all its people,  
      God's purpose to fulfill.  
      May we with humble courage  
      be open to God's will.  
      We are called to follow Jesus  
      and let God's spirit flow through us.
  
- 4    We praise you for our journey  
      and your abundant grace,  
      your saving word that guided  
      a struggling human race.  
      O God, with all creation,  
      your future we embrace.  
      We are called to follow Jesus  
      and let God's changes flow through us.

## INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

**OFFERTORY**                      *Sicut Cervus*                                              *G.P. Palestrina*  
*Translation: As the deer longs for running waters, so my soul longs for you, my God.*

**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.

*We respond. . .*

### **PRAYER BASED ON THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*God of all life, within, between and beyond...*

**In prayer we open our hearts to the people here in Canada and around the world that hunger and thirst for food and justice.**

*May your kingdom come...*

**And unite us in faith to use our imaginations for change. Reveal your truth to us that we may replace our ignorance and greed with understanding and compassion.**

*May your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven...*

**Let wisdom enter our hearts, our communities, our nation, and in all life may we with compassion share the abundance of creation.**

*Give each of us this day, our daily bread....*

**Nourish everyone, everywhere – in rural areas, in cities, towns, farms and reserves, those who rely on food aid in refugee camps, in food banks, soup kitchens and food coops.**

*Forgive us our trespasses...*

**We lament our disconnectedness. We tune out the injustice around us and forget the dispossessed, those displaced by natural disaster, the hungry used as instruments of war, the fertile soil lost to pollution, landmines, flooding or drought, the loss of indigenous knowledge and of species.**

*Just as we forgive those who trespass against us...*

**Stimulate our desire of justice in a world in which the rules benefit the rich and create endless suffering for the poor; feed our forgiveness and compassion never losing sight of the urgency for change.**

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...*

**Guide those who set prices, regulate markets, and who control land at a time when competition for the earth's resources**

**threatens the ethics of those who plant, process, transport, prepare and serve food in the world.**

*For yours is all of creation, the power of love and the glory of goodness forever and ever...*

**Instruct those who have earthly powers to demonstrate your Righteousness, to do justly, to walk humbly and to love mercy. We pray for the capacities and willingness of very poor of the earth's people and all of us to believe in the possibility of overcoming poverty.**

*God of all life, inspire us with unfailing love, challenge us to be divine justice, and empower us to demonstrate immense courage to re-imagine and re-create our world. May we work with others for a zero hungry world and establish freedom, equality and peace on earth. **AMEN.***

*(Prayer adapted from Fast for Change: World Food Day Resource Kit, Canadian Food Grains*

**HYMN** Move in the world (Tune: VU #420 and Text: Peggy McDonagh)

Move in the world, with kindness as your creed;  
open your eyes to see its deepest need;  
let peace and justice be the truths we heed,  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Move in the world, embracing its despair;  
the poor and hungry seek our love and care;  
with outstretched hands the gift of hope we share,  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Live in the world, strive for a better day,  
let truth and fairness birth a kinder way,  
where people, all, the love command obey,  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*. . .and are blessed.*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CHOIR BLESSING**

*Belfast Amen*

*P. W-J Stopford*

### **POSTLUDE**

*Prelude on "Old Hundredth"*

*H. Willan*

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

October 21 at 10 am

Guest speaker: Richard Christmas

October 28

Blessing of the Animals

November 2

Communion

November 11 – Remembrance Day

Guest Choir: The Perfectly Imperfects

**WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH**

We hope that your heart is renewed, 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](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 and 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.....Kerry Duncan McCartney & Bob Clare  
 Reader.....Betsy Woolner  
 Projection.....PSALT Team  
 Sunday Receptionist.....Bertha Hancock  
 Music .....Chamber Choir, Betsy Woolner – soloist  
 Minute Speaks .....Brent Tucker

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## ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

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 – Youth Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. Oct 15	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. Oct 16	1:30 pm 6:00 pm  6:30 pm	Pastoral Care Meeting - Lacombe Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room  McDougall Stoney Mission – Robertson Hall

Wed. Oct 17	9:30 am 2:30 pm 7:00 pm	Qigong – Robertson Hall Worship Committee Meeting – TM Room Adult Recreational Choir - Sanctuary
Thurs. Oct 18	7:00 am 9:30 am 1:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Coffee & Muffin Day – Foyer ACTS Bible Study – TM Room Prayer Chain Meeting – TM Room Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Oct 19	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe Drama Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Sat. Oct 20	9:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal – Sanctuary Drama Rehearsal - Sanctuary True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Oct 21	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room Sacred Service Potluck – Robertson Hall Calgary Alliance Seniors – Back of Sanctuary Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room

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