

ST. DAVID'S UNITED
CHURCH
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Growing and deepening our spiritual lives in an affirming and inclusive community

Welcome to St. David's United Church

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Presiding – Peggy McDonagh and Guest Speaker: Richard Christmas

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.

SEEDS FOR MEDITATION

"The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a woman and her dog, or a man and his cat, are two creatures of love."

The Jewish ethical text Pirkei Avot says, "Be bold as a leopard, light as an eagle, swift as a deer, and strong as a lion to carry out the will of your Father in Heaven." (Pirkei Avot 5:23)

PRELUDE *Andante in B Flat Major*

T. Dubois

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Blessed be God, Creator, Word and Spirit

Who brings all things into being and calls them good.

Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.

We praise and give thanks to the Creator.

Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.

We praise and give thanks to the Creator.

Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.

We praise and give thanks to the Creator.

Bless your Creator, all people of God.

We praise and give thanks to the Creator.

(Adapted from Native American/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Liturgies)

HYMN Mother Earth, Our Mother Birthing MV #39 (Tune: VU 312)

1. Mother Earth, our mother birthing
Ev'ry creature on the ground.
Jesus too was flesh and breathing,
Kin to every greening plant.
Celebrate with all creation:
God has joined the web of life.

2. Sister Air, our sister lifting
Ev'ry creature born with wing;
Jesus shared the breath of forests,
Breath that makes our spirits sing.
Celebrate with all creation:
God has joined the web of life.

3. Brother Water, brother pulsing
Deep through ev'ry vein and sea,
Jesus drank the very raindrops
For our wine and in our tea.
Celebrate with all creation:
God has joined the web of life.

4. Father Fire, our father burning
With the sacred urge to live.
Jesus' death completes the cycle,
Bringing life beyond the grave.
Celebrate with all creation:
God has joined the web of life.

GATHERING PRAYER

Gichi Manidoo/Great Spirit God:

**We give you thanks for another day on this earth
We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the
compassionate goodness of you, our Creator.**

**We acknowledge with one mind
our respect and gratefulness of all life.
Bind us together in the circle of compassion
to embrace all living creations and one another. Amen**

(From Native American/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Liturgies)

...to hear the wisdom of God.

FAITH CHAT Animal Superheroes - Donkey

SONG Jesus our Brother

READINGS Adapted from Genesis 1

God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So, God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind, cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind". And God blessed them.

God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good

Job 12: 7-10 The Wisdom of Animals

Ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of God is in this? In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Isaiah 11:6-9 More wisdom of the animals

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Quote by Chief Seattle "What is humankind without beasts? If all the beasts were gone people would die from great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts soon happens to people. All things are connected -whatever befalls the earth befalls the daughters and sons of earth."

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world. God shines in all that's fair,
In the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong. God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, O let the heavens ring!
God reigns, let earth be glad.

...and are blessed.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING

Compassion, creativity, and joy are ours through Jesus Christ.
May the Holy Spirit move us to preserve and enhance life on Earth,
giving clear witness to the life-giving purpose of our Creator.

Go out into God's world. Live in peace with one another
and with all God's creatures.

SUNG BLESSING

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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

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T. Dubois

GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THOUGH WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE

October 28 at 10 am

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 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 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
 UshersOctober Sacred Service Team
 Minute Speak.....Ruth Cross
 Counters.....Bernie Nemeth, Peter Adams
 Reader.....Eldon Godfrey
 Projection.....PSALT Team
 Sunday Receptionist.....Beryl Fridfinnson
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 Accompanist.....Garrett Krause

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

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
Mon. Oct 22	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 Book Study – Tm Room Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues. Oct 23	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room Council Meeting – Robertson Hall
Wed. Oct 24	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Qigong – Robertson Hall Adult Recreational Choir - Sanctuary
Thurs. Oct 25	9:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	ACTS Bible Study – TM Room Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Oct 26	4:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe Youth Group – Youth Room Concerto Extravaganza – TM & Sanctuary
Sat. Oct 27	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Shalom – TM Room Drama Rehearsal - Sanctuary True Light Church – Robertson Hall

Sun. Oct 28	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
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