

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED  
CHURCH  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018**



1Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

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

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

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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 EMPOWERMENT:** It is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is getting up and taking action.

**PRELUDE**

*Six Interludes*

*D. Bedard*

**LIGHTING THE VALUE CANDLE – EMPOWERMENT**

**ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP**

From the corners of this city,  
from the confusion of life,  
from the loneliness of our hearts

**Gather us, O God.**

To feed our minds,  
to fire our imagination,  
to free our hearts

**Gather us, O God**

**ACT OF AWARENESS**

The sacred is everywhere,

**At the heart of everything**

**That was, is, or to be...**

It isn't what one says

But in what one does, how one empowers, how one loves,

**That we discover where the sacred is**

**and where the sacred is, there is peace and love.**

*(Adapted. Robert Halsey)*

**OPENING 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

**FAITH CHAT AND SONG**

**READINGS**    John 21:15-17; Acts 6:2-4; Ephesians 4:11-12;  
Quote by Soledad O'Brien

**ANTHEM**        *At the Table of the Lord*

*J.M. Martin & D. Angerman*

**REFLECTION** 'The Power of Empowerment'

*We respond. . .*

**HYMN** Embrace this life (Tune: VU 420)  
(Text: Rev. Peggy McDonagh)

Embrace this life and all its wondrous days,  
let go of fear that in our heart betrays  
the joy of life, the blessings and the praise.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Empowerment must be a grace we spread,  
to lift the shadow of defeat and dread;  
with hope-filled hearts our lives are richly fed.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Empowerment imbues our inner light  
with trust and daring, born when life feels right;  
a loving faith expands our inward sight.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Empowerment shows others that we care,  
supports us through the struggles that we bear;  
affirming words improve the lives we share.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

**INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS**

When we reflect God's essence in our daily lives we extend ourselves beyond petty attachments and ego preoccupation and move toward others as ripples from a stone thrown upon the stillness of a pond. Our offering is God's essence, ripples of compassion and generosity. We reflect God's essence in this movement of presenting our offering.

**OFFERTORY** *We Give Thanks, O Lord* *J. Althouse*

**RECEPTION OF OFFERING/COMMUNION ELEMENTS**

**& HYMN** I Come with Joy vs. 1 & 3 VU #477

1 I come with joy, a friend of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

## **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

### **WELCOMING TO THE TABLE**

We invite you to come in peace to this Holy feast of Divine Life.  
To remember and celebrate our interconnectedness that is our life.  
Pause a bit from your busy life  
to partake of the bread grown in the many soils of the earth.  
Pause a bit from your busy life  
to drink the fruit ripened on sun-baked ridges.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

**We come to be fed from the Energy of the Heart of Life, the energy of tears, laughter, concern, dismay, and hope shared in community. May this sharing give us strength, increase our love, and nourish our lives.**

Come, it is the Spirit of Jesus who invites us to meet in communion with one another.

### **GREETING**

May it be well with you.

**And also with you.**

Life is a gift and we its celebration.

**May we rejoice in the beauty that we are.**

We give thanks and praise for all that is good in the world.

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Loving Spirit of God, heart of our togetherness, we acknowledge your presence, within as self-awareness, between as intimate connectedness, and beyond us as the evolving web of life. . .

*Communion Liturgy adapted from A Tearful Goodbye, by Joyce Rupp*

## **BREAKING THE BREAD AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER SUNG**

VU #959

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil

for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.

### THE SHARING

No matter who you are, or where you are on your life's journey, everyone is welcome to share this meal with its symbols of God's Creative Presence.

The Bread of Friendship

**As we eat the bread it becomes a part of every fiber of our bodies, so may the Spirit of Life embody us.**

The Cup of Memory

**As we partake of this cup, so may we feel the energy of radiant new possibilities flow through our bodies.**

These are the gifts and symbols of Jesus' presence with us still. Let us share this meal together.

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP *(at stations)*

*(For those unable to come forward, raise your hand and the bread and the cup will be served to you. For those unable to take juice or eat bread alternative elements are available.)*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Communion sur "Lauda Sion"*

*D. Bedard*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

With bread and cup, we have honored a tradition Jesus inherited and we carry on as a sign of the oneness of all of life.

**We are a part of Creation;**

**We are a part of each other.**

God of Compassion, with open hands, we have received,

**with open hands, we have received.**

With open hearts, we have shared.

**with open hearts, we have shared.**

We have been filled with good things,

**Help us who are fed, bring new life to others;**

**Help us who have received the cup, set one another free. AMEN.**

### HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

VU #481

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

*...and be blessed.*

## **BLESSING**

**SUNG BENEDICTION**      May God Who Creates You      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 joy,  
may God who surrounds you give you peace.

**POSTLUDE**      *Masque*      *D. Bedard*

### **Please stay after worship for a short recital by Carlo Santos**

Carlo Santos started his musical studies on the organ at the age of six. Starting piano lessons at the age of 12, he completed Grade 10 from the RCM (Royal Conservatory of Music) of Toronto with First Class Honours within 5 years, studying with Allen Reiser in Calgary. After a four-year hiatus to complete his Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Calgary, he resumed studying with Allen Reiser and completed the Associate Exam (ARCT) in Piano Performance from the RCM with First Class Honours in 2015. As an active performer, Carlo has performed in solo recitals across Alberta and has won scholarships and awards at local festivals and competitions in Calgary. He has adjudicated in festivals across Alberta, and his students have been recommended to provincial competitions. His current project in music is the Licentiate of Piano Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto. He currently teaches piano, rudiments and history lessons privately in his Calgary studio.

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

Remembrance Sunday, November 11, 2018  
Guest Choir: The Perfectly Imperfects

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**  
**The Annual General Meeting**  
**will be held on**  
**November 25, 2018 following worship**  
**A light lunch will be offered.**

**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.....November Sacred Service Team  
 Ushers .....November Sacred Service Team  
 Counters.....Colin Outtrim & Bertha Hancock  
 Reader.....Marion Whitman  
 Projection.....PSALT Team  
 Sunday Receptionist.....Margaret Pellicci  
 Music .....Sanctuary Choir  
 Accompanist.....Garrett Krause  
 Minute Speak.....Friendship Club, Drama, Sally Hodges

**MINISTRY PERSONNEL**

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## ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Nov 4	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Recital Refreshments – TM Room M&P Meeting - Lacombe Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. Nov 5	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. Nov 6	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Nov 7	9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Qigong – Robertson Hall Healing Touch – Robertson Hall Adult Recreational Choir - Sanctuary
Thurs. Nov 8	9:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	ACTS Bible Study – TM Room Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Nov 9	4:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe

Sat. Nov 10	6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal - Sanctuary True Light Church – Robertson Hall Youth Group – TM Room
Sun. Nov 11	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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