

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED
CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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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Presiding – Peggy McDonagh

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, Affirming and Value 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:

PRELUDE

Priere a Notre-Dame

L. Boellmann

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light the Christ candle acknowledging that God, in Christ, is present with us right now, in this very place, at this very moment in time, and will be with us this day and always.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

The Love of God surrounds us as we gather from many different realities; some of us come from busy homes with many people, some of us live alone

We are all members of God's family.

This week has been distinctive for each one of us; some have had happy news we want to celebrate some have faced grief and need to cry,

We are all equal in God's family.

Yet we all come to this sacred, caring place; all of us seeking renewal in our hearts and lives, all of us seeking God's grace and presence with each other.

Together we are God's family.

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OPENING HYMN Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

- 1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustains
all creation!
Sing praise, my soul, in profound and
complete adoration!
Gladsome rejoice -
organ and trumpet and voice -
joining God's great congregation.
- 2 Praise God, our guardian, who lovingly offers correction,
who, as on eagle's wings, saves us from sinful dejection.
Have you observed,
how we are always preserved
by God's parental affection?
- 3 Sing praise to God, with sincere thanks for
all your successes.
Merciful God ever loves to encourage and bless us.
Only conceive
what godly strength can achieve:
strength that would touch and caress us.
- 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high
God commending.
All that have life and breath join you,
their notes sweetly blending.
God is your light!
Soul, ever keep this in sight:
amen, amen never ending.

GATHERING PRAYER

God of tender grace and infinite wisdom:

We gather this day for a glimpse of your kingdom,

a world in which love rules over all, and enemies embrace,

**a world in which the distinctions between friend and foe
evaporate,**

a world in which each heart reflects the light of your love.

Knowing we have the power of you within to empower us,

we open our lives,

body, mind, and spirit

to the energy and compassion of you in the world.

**In the name of the one we call Jesus,
whose heart radiated love, we pray. Amen**

FAITH CHAT AND SONG

READINGS Exodus 35:30-36:2; Luke 22:25-27; Ephesians 4:11-12;
Quote by Soledad O'Brien

ANTHEM *Everyday Miracles* K. Burdette/D. Butler Douglas

Congregation joins on final chorus:

**In the ev'ry-day miracles of ev'ry-day life
God is sending you guidance and grace.
In the simplest of blessings you miss ev'ry day,
you can capture a glimpse of God's face.**

REFLECTION *'The Power of Empowerment' Part II*

We respond. . .

HYMN Empowerment (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 failures that we bear;
affirming words improve the lives we share.
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Siyahamba* *traditional African folk song*

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN

In Christ we gladly share our gifts
with those who come our way;
our mission is to show our love
to those we meet each day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN We have this Ministry

VU #510

1 We have this ministry
 and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power
 that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word,
 speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world
 may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

2 O Christ, the tree of life,
 our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower
 when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,
 called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts,
 the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

3 The yoke of Christ is ours,
 the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross,
 the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve,
 wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,
 we die and rise again.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

...and be blessed.

BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION *'God be in my head'*

D.G. Mason

POSTLUDE *Toccata*

L. Boellmann

**PLEASE STAY AND JOIN US FOR A LIGHT LUNCH
FOLLOWED BY THE DRAMA PRODUCTION:
“The Scarlett Pimpernel”**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:
November 25, 2018
Annual General Meeting
will be held following worship
and a light lunch**

ACTS

Annual Advent Book Sale

Sundays November 25 & December 2

Many books to choose from. Make your choices and pay in advance. Your books should arrive the following week. This system keeps your costs down.

GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE

November 25, 2018

Please join us in welcoming Tenchoe Dorjee from McMan Calgary who is excited to be with us and share a little about the organization.

Guest Speaker: Tenchoe Dorjee
McMan Calgary & Area

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.

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.....November Sacred Service Team
 UshersNovember Sacred Service Team
 Counters.....Bernie Nemeth & Peter Adams
 Projection.....PSALT Team
 Sunday Receptionist.....Beryl Fridfinnson
 Reader.....Richard Christmas
 Music.....Sanctuary Choir, Peggy Kalancha – flute
 Accompanist.....Garrett Krause
 Minute Speaks.....Sally Hodges, Janice Ryder, Friendship Club

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Nov 18	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:15 pm 2:30 pm 5:00 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room Drama Production - Sanctuary Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room True Light – Robertson Hall
Mon. Nov 19	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 20	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Nov 21	9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Qigong – Robertson Hall Worship Committee Meeting – TM Room Adult Recreational Choir - Sanctuary
Thurs. Nov 22	7:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Coffee & Muffin Day - Sanctuary ACTS Bible Study – TM Room Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Nov 23	4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe Iglesia Ni Christo – Sanctuary Girl Guides Sleepover – Robertson Hall
Sat. Nov 24	2:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Rita Thurn Recital - Sanctuary True Light Church – Robertson Hall Music Recital – Sanctuary & TM Room
Sun. Nov 25	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room Annual General Meeting - Sanctuary Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room

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