

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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, November 25, 2018

Presiding: Peggy McDonagh, Guest Speaker Tenchoe Dorjee,
Fund Development Officer & Stephanie Cortez, McMan Calgary & Area

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 MEDITATION

"Sometimes it's easy to walk by because we know we can't change someone's whole life in a single afternoon. But what we fail to realize is that simple kindness can go a long way toward encouraging someone who is stuck in a desolate place."

- Mike Yankoski,

PRELUDE

Mass for the Convents: Chromhorne sur la Taille,

Dialogue sur la Voix humaine, & Elevation-Tierce en

Taille

F. Couperin

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST, CREATION AND AFFIRMING CANDLES

We light the Christ candle to acknowledge Jesus' compassionate and liberating life that broke down barriers, loved the stricken, and accepted each person as God's own presence.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

As we move into worship today let us consider the core values of McMan Calgary: Commitment, Trust, Empathy, Respect and Genuineness. May these same values be reflected in our lives and in all our interactions with others.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Welcome to worship. We gather in this place

**Ready to engage song, word, ritual and community
Growing our hearts with the help of the Spirit
towards becoming more inclusive
of those of us on the margins.**

May the God of light and love be with us in this worship time, in our hearts, in our struggles, and in our acts of compassion.

HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

VU #330

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
and prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

GATHERING PRAYER

God of love, as we hear about the compassionate endeavours of the many people who work for McMan Calgary and here stories of renewal,

May we honour the humanity of all people, the wisdom within each person, and value all life, especially people who are downhearted in our society.

Open our minds to hear and learn from different lived experiences.

**Open our hearts toward hospitality and acceptance so that this faith family will always reflect the compassionate way of Jesus.
Amen**

FAITH CHAT AND SONG

READINGS Matthew 25: 34-40 Aramaic Bible in Plain English; Adaptation of Jesus' parable about the Kingdom of God; Quote by the Dalai Lama

ANTHEM Make Me an Instrument

St. Francis of Assisi
/arr. C. Courtney

REFLECTION Tenchoe Dorjee and youth Stephanie Cortez

We respond. . .

HYMN Christ of Compassion

(Tune: VU #307)
(Words by Rev. Peggy McDonagh)

Christ of compassion, Christ of all giving,
Our hearts are full with your kindness and care.
Love's living presence, Spirit of Sharing,
Nourish and strengthen the faith that we bear.

Love for all families, living in crisis,
gently we open a place in our heart.
Hope for our sad ones, fearful and lonely,
spirits renewed through the care we impart.

Love from the heart, the sweetest expression,
tells of the Spirit alive in this place.
Spreading that love to families who need us,
touching our living, with honor and grace.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Translation:

Cantate Domino

J. Klimek

*Hallelujah. Sing unto the Lord a new song,
and his praise in the congregation of saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing
praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people:
he will beautify the meek with salvation.*

RECEPTION OF OFFERING AND HYMN

(Tune: VU#344)

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.

MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART – A Circle Prayer

Prayer response: God of Creation, God of Compassion
 Hear the prayers of our hearts

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN Come Touch Our Hearts vs. 1 - 4 MV #12

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
 from failing embers build a blazing fire;
 love strong enough to overturn injustice,
 to see a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
 your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
 create a space for spirit to grow in us,
 let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.

3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
 set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
 help us to open doors of understanding,
 to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
 and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
 that we may rise to follow and to serve,
 steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

...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 *Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux* *F. Couperin*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**You are invited to join us for a light lunch following worship and stay
for the all important Annual General Meeting.**

Fong, Stan

We are sad to announce that Stan Fong passed away on November 15th. A Celebration of Life service will be held at St. David's on **Thursday, November 29th at 1 :00 pm.** A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend.

GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE

ADVENT OF HOPE

December 2, 2018

Guest Speaker: Dawn Boustead, Brenda's House

ADVENT OF PEACE

December 9, 2018

Guest Speaker: Shari Harding, Food Bank Ambassador

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.....David Mitchell & Dorothy Duker
- Reader.....Eldon Godfrey
- Projection.....PSALT Team
- Sunday Receptionist.....Dorothy Duker
- MusicAngel Voices
- Accompanist.....Colleen Charter
- Minute Speaks.....ACTS, Bill Way

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Nov 25	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:15 pm 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Refreshments/Light Lunch – TM Room Annual General Meeting - Sanctuary Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. Nov 26	12:30 pm 1:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 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 McDougall Stoney Mission Society - Lacombe Girl Guides – Robertson Hall ACTS Book Study – Tm Room Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues. Nov 27	1:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Pastoral Care Meeting – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room Council Meeting – Robertson Hall
Wed. Nov 28	9:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Qigong – TM Room Staff Meeting – Lacombe Room Adult Recreational Choir - Sanctuary
Thurs. Nov 29	9:30 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	ACTS Bible Study – TM Room Stan Fong Memorial Reception – Robertson Hall Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Nov 30	4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe Youth Group – Robertson Hall Iglesia Ni Christo – Sanctuary
Sat. Dec 1	11:30 am 6:00 pm	Advent Decorating Event True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Dec 2	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