

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
JULY 29, 2018
Celebrating Abundance



Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming and
Inclusive community
**WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED
CHURCH**

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VALUE OF THE MONTH: CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 29, 2018
Presiding: Kelley Warner

We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

We welcome all of you to St. David's United. Regardless of your age, stage, gender identity, sexual orientation, or how great or small you feel your faith is, we each bring something of ourselves to this sacred place. God, through us, welcomes each of us to worship.

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 OF MEDITATION

"Gratitude is the open door to abundance."

—Harbhajan Singh Yogi

"We need to give each other the space to grow, to be ourselves, to exercise our diversity. We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion."

— Max de Pree

"It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength."

— Maya Angelou

PRELUDE

Improvisation

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light the Christ candle, we call upon the Christ Light to play upon our worship space with generous love, sparkling wisdom, and gentle encouragement. Stir our hearts, engage our thoughts, seep into our minds, and saturate us with your summer joy.

CALLS TO WORSHIP

Rod Sykes, Gathering

Our God of abundance, infinite in grace,
Surrounds us with blessings,
but never overwhelms us with them.

**There is enough, always enough,
of what what we need.
but it is hidden , tucked beneath the surface,
waiting for us to release it,
if we will act with generosity and grace.**

So we gather to learn anew
Our calling as co-creators with God,
whom now we worship.

Amen

HYMN

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

MV #30

GATHERING PRAYER

Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Gathering

**We gather for your blessings, O God,
we of all genders and all ages.
We gather to receive your teachings.
We gather to be shaped by you.
We gather in worship, seeking encouragement,
Hope, direction, and peace.
Even as we confess our failings, Lord,**

**you lift our drooping chins,
turning us toward the light
and charging us to move forward.
How endless is your love.
Praise be to you, O God. Amen**

...to hear the wisdom of God

READINGS Acts 2:1-14, John 6:1-21, Philippians 2:12-18

SOLO

REFLECTION Celebrating Abundance

HYMN What Does the Lord Require of You? VU#701

...and to respond

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

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.**

PRAYERS AND THE JESUS PRAYER Sung VU #959

HYMN I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU #509

...and be blessed.

BLESSING *Wanda Winfield, Gathering*

**May God of the unexpected,
surprise us this week,
with blessings where we thought
there were only burdens,**

**life where we saw only death.
Then may we be the ones who offer life,
surprising others with our love and generosity. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Improvisation*

<p>GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE JULY SERVICES</p>

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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 Kelley Warner or Peggy McDonagh 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.....June Sacred Service Team
 UshersJune Sacred Service Team
 Counters.....Dorothy Mitchell & David Duker
 Reader.....Eileen Ladd
 Projection.....PSALT Team
 Sunday Receptionist.....Dorothy Duker
 Guest Musician.....Naomi Williams – soprano

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. June 24	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. June 25	12:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall
Tues. June 26	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. June 27	9:30 am	Qigong – TM Room
Thur. June 28		
Fri. June 29		
Sat. June 30	6:00 pm	True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. July 1	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room

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