

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 22 2019
Happiness – A Heart Movement**



***Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives as an
Affirming and Inclusive Congregation***

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VALUE OF THE MONTH: EAGERNESS

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 Value Candle and Affirming candles to honour the value of eagerness and to affirm that all humanity must be respected and upheld. The Treaty 7/Metis Region 3 candle was lit to show respect for the land and to confirm our continued commitment to live into right relations with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

SEED FOR MEDITATION

False happiness renders human's stern and proud, and that happiness is never communicated. True happiness renders humanity kind and sensible, and that happiness is always shared. ~French Philosopher, Montesquieu

PRELUDE

*Pavane
Andante Tranquillo
Prelude*

*Paul Drayton
Percy W. Whitlock
William H. Harris*

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 present brightness of the Christ light.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Together in this worship time

we give thanks for the life and wonder that thrives within us

breath and heartbeat, happiness and sorrow, dance and stillness.

We give thanks for the emotions and actions that connect us to each other,

loving, understanding, creating, imagining, and embracing.

We give thanks for all the life forms that surround and support us

the web of life that feeds and protects us and needs our care.

We give thanks for the life of the future hidden in the present moment

inviting us to walk the path of integrity and care.

We give thanks for the Divine source that connects all life,

this living universe, of which our lives are an expression.

HYMN

God, We Praise You for the Morning

VU #415

- 1 God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.
- 2 God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.
- 3 God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.
- 4 God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.
- 5 God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.
- 6 Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!

GATHERING PRAYER

God of gentle hearts and seeking minds, we open to the Divine movement of inspiration, tolerance, generosity and kindness. We gather with contentment, sorrows and hopes stirring in our hearts.

**May the steady essence of your presence surround us and
connect us to one another and to your enduring love.**

We gather in for this cherished community, we call St. David's.

In this worship time may we be mindful of your eternal

**presence surrounding us and feel you as a constant source
of love, peace and comfort. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SONG If You're Happy and You Know It

AGCS #26

. . .to hear the wisdom of God.

READINGS Matthew 6:1-4; Luke 9:16-17; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 7:1; Matthew 7:12; 1 Corinthians 14:26; Quote by Author Patti Digh

ANTHEM *This Is My Father's World*

Ronald E. McVey

REFLECTION *Happiness, a Heart Movement*

HYMN Christ our connection (Tune VU #307)
(Text: Rev. Peggy McDonagh)

Christ our connection, Christ of lives touching,
all hearts are blessed by our kindness and care.
God's living presence, Spirit of Loving,
nourish and strengthen the faith that we share.

Caring for neighbor, befriending the stranger,
gladly we open a place in our heart.
Calm to the fearful, hope to the lonely,
spirits renewed through the love we impart.

Happy companions, friends on the journey,
learning and teaching, our faith we increase.
Love guides our actions, its happy reactions,
shaping our world with the joy we release.

Happy of heart, a living expression,
speaks of the Spirit alive in this place.
Happiness shared with people around us,
blesses our living with gladness and grace.

We respond . . .

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

We are an affirming church therefore we declare that our love has no lines, no boxes, no labels. May our offerings know no bounds, as we seek to be God's church, following Jesus' example and the Spirit's direction.

OFFERTORY *People Need The Lord*

Greg Nelson & Phill McHugh

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN

(Tune VU #579)

The church is a people communing together,
seeking true wisdom and eager to live.

With service and vision, through learning and laughter,
we touch every heart with these gifts that we give.

ATIME OF PRAYER

... and we gather our voices together to pray as Jesus taught us:

HYMN

Shout for God

VU #246

- 1 Shout for God! (Shout for God!)
 Make a happy sound! (Make a happy sound!)
 Clap for God! (Clap for God!)
 God is all around! (God is all around!)
- 2 Hush for God! (Hush for God!)
 Let the quiet sing. (Let the quiet sing.)
 Wait for God. (Wait for God.)
 Deepest feelings bring. (Deepest feelings bring.)
- 3 Sing for God! (Sing for God!)
 Sing a pleasant song. (Sing a pleasant song.)
 Work for God. (Work for God.)
 Good replaces wrong. (Good replaces wrong.)
- 4 Praise our God! (Praise our God!)
 Care for all God's friends! (Care for all God's friends!)
 Love our God! (Love our God!)
 God's love never ends! (God's love never ends!)
 God's love never ends!

...and are blessed.

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING Go, Make a Diff'rence Chorus twice
Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. Go make a diff'rence.

MV #209

We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

POSTLUDE *Toccata In Seven* *John Rutter*

GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE
September 29, 2019
Celebrating the Sacred Service Program
Baroque Music for Cello by Tor Ellergodt

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by Ruth Cross and her children, Alex and Christina Hart, in loving memory of husband and father, Jim Hart, who passed away September 18, 1994, 25 years ago.

**THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY
WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

- Greeters.....September Sacred Service Team
UshersSeptember Sacred Service Team
Counters.....David Mitchel & Ian McDonald
Projection.....PSALT Team
Reader.....Betsy Woolner
MusicAngel Voices
Accompanist.....Colleen Charter
Minute Speaks.....Harvest Tea