

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

Sunday September 8, 2019



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

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 Affirming candle was lit to affirm that all humanity 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 FOR MEDITATION

What is it you want to change? Your hair, your face, your body? Why? God is in love with all those things and might weep when they are gone.

St. Catherine of Siena

PRELUDE

Vater unser im Himmelreich
Gott der Vater wohn uns bei

Dietrich Buxtehude
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NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We all experienced God's wonderful creation on our way to church this morning. We light the Christ candle to remind us of God's wonderful works around us and within us as well.

Thanks be to God!

Allison Abbott-Wiebe, Gathering P2-2019, p. 25

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

We open the window of our sacred hearts,
that connects us one to another.

We open the window on our community,
ready to be set free to love and live for justice.

We open the window on the world,

and recognize the Spirit of God in all creation.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy One,

we have been told that you know us -

from the day we were born, today, tomorrow, forever.

You know us in our difficulties.

You know us in our successes.

And you love us, no matter what.

Thank you.

In our words and in our worship bless us.

Help us to know, deep within,

that you are with all your creation-

now and always! Help us to work with you to heal ourselves and our world. Amen

Richard Bott, Gathering P2-2019, p. 25, adapted

HYMN

Teach Me God to Wonder

VU #299

- 1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.
- 2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. R
- 3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. R
- 4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. R

FAITH CHAT

A song about being born

Sing:

Thank You God

All God's Children Sing 25

. . .to hear the wisdom of God.

READINGS

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1: 1-21;

ANTHEM

Blessed Are The Pure In Heart

H. Walford Davies

REFLECTION

Living as Creations of God

HYMN Spirit God, Be Our Breath

MV #150

Spirit God be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn.
Spirit God, be our song.

Patient God soothe our pride, calm our fear. Comfort us.
When we know you are near we grow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.

Loving God be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.

Spirit God be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn.
Spirit God, be our song.

We respond . . .

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

Creator, who knit us together in our mother's womb, help us to live each day as your loving creations. As we share our gifts with our church family today, inspire us as church family to be your hands of love in the world. Amen

OFFERTORY*Give Alms Of Thy Goods**Christopher Tye***RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN**

VU #585 vs. 1

1
Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

A TIME OF PRAYER

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

HYMN

Let us Build a House

MV # 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell and
All can safely live, a place where saints and
Children tell how hearts learn to forgive built of
Hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of

Grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome
In this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and
Words are strong and true, where all God's children
Dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the
Cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's
Grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome
In this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach be-
yond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen,
Serve and teach and live the Word they've known. Here the
Outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's
Face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome
In this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their
Songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
Taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of
Tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of
Grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome
In this place.

...and are blessed.

BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION

Amen

Anthony Edmunds

POSTLUDE

Magnificat Primi Toni BuxWV 203

Dietrich Buxtehude

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.....September Sacred Service Team
UshersSeptember Sacred Service Team
Projection.....PSALT Team
Reader.....Eldon Godfrey
MusicChamber Choir
Minute Speaks.....ACTS, Harvest Tea

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Sept 8	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room
Mon. Sept 9	12:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall Sparks – TM Room Brownies/Girl Guides – Robertson Hall Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues. Sept 10	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Sept 11	9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Qigong – Robertson Hall Stoney McDougall Mission – TM Room LaCoccinelle Board Meeting - Lacombe
Thurs. Sept 12	9:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Foundation Meeting – TM Room Chamber Choir - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
Fri. Sept 13	4:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe
Sat. Sept 14	7:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room Drama Rehearsal - Sanctuary True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Sept 15	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room

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