

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 15 2019

"A key to a vital
life is an eagerness to
learn and a willingness
to change."

~mary anne radmacher



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

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Sunday, September 15, 2019

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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 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

"I arise full of eagerness and energy, knowing well what achievement lies ahead of me."

Author: Zane Grey

PRELUDE

*Andante con moto
Cantilena*

*Alexandre Guilmant
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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 already changing its face as it transforms in autumn before our eyes. As we light the Christ candle, may the Christ spirit of love stir in our hearts that we may see the wonder and beauty of life that transforms creation and community life.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

"Inside each of us
there waits a wonderful
spirit of eagerness

She waits

to dance

in rooms of the heart

that are sometimes

Responsive Reading

(adapted from Joyce Rupp)

**closed, dark and cluttered
that are sometimes
open, receptive and free.**

Inside each of us
there awaits a wonderful
spirit of eagerness

**she will make light feet
and make glad songs within us."**

We meet God in our hearts

and at the heart of life.

**Let us still our minds and open our hearts
in this worship time.**

HYMN When Morning Gilds the Skies

VU #339

1 When morning gilds the skies,
 my heart awakening cries:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 To God, the Word on high,
 the hosts of angels cry:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals, too, upraise
their voice in hymns of praise:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let all of humankind
 in this their concord find:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine,
 my canticle divine:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song,
through all the ages long:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

GATHERING PRAYER

God of our present and our future,

With eager hearts, we gather this day in the presence of each other and with your Holy Love surrounding and embracing us.

The future is uncertain, we wonder what it will bring.

**Fill us with excitement for a positive future,
for a vision for what we could be together.**

**Give us inspiration as a congregation and a community
to discover the choices that lead to life in abundance.**

God of gentle hearts and seeking minds, we open to the Divine movement of inspiration, creativity, and generosity.

**May we walk enthusiastically into what may come, as people,
not only of faith, but of hope and trust and adventure. Amen.**

FAITH CHAT AND SONG Come Join the Circle

vs. 1 chorus vs. 2 & 3 Chorus

AGCS #47

Come join the circle for Jesus is calling,
As partners with God in creation.
All join your hands now let all be included
For this is a great celebration.

Look around and see who's here,
Look at all the faces.
This is the circle of visions and
dreams of people from all times and places.

Now say "Hello" to the person beside you
Welcome them into the circle.
Each has a gift or a talent worth sharing
As part of their calling to service.

Open the circle for others are calling us,
Calling from past and from future.
Challenging us with their cry for justice
As part of this global community.

Look around and see who's here,
Look at all the faces.
This is the circle of visions and
dreams of people from all times and places.

. . .to hear the wisdom of God.

READINGS Exodus 6: 10-13; 12:31-34a; Luke 22:14-16; Quote by Rabbi Zalman-Schacter Shalomi (adapted)

ANTHEM *What A Friend* *setting by Jack Schrader*

REFLECTION *Eagerness – energy for the heart*

HYMN Embrace this life (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.

When eagerness imbues the faith we spread,
it lifts the shadows of our deepest dread;
with eager hearts our lives are richly fed.
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Embrace God's love that opens ways to care,
to ease the struggles and the pain we bear;
the path of love improves the lives we share.
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

An eager heart creates a vibrant light
of hope and freedom, born when life feels bright;
a living faith expands our inward sight.
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

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 *Amazing Grace*

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.

A TIME OF PRAYER

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

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 are blessed.

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING Go, Make a Diff'rence Chorus twice

MV #209

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.

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 *Postlude Nuptial* *Alexandre Guilmant*

**GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND
SPIRITUAL NURTURE
September 22, 2019
Rev Peggy McDonagh presiding
Music by Angel Voices**

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

Greeters.....September Sacred Service Team
UshersSeptember Sacred Service Team
Counters.....Bernie Nemeth & Peter Adams
Projection.....PSALT Team
Reader.....Ruth Cross
MusicSanctuary Choir, Ruth Cross – soloist
Accompanist.....Garrett Krause
Minute Speaks.....Ruth Cross, ACTS, Harvest Tea