

# **ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH**

## **SUNDAY JULY 7, 2019**



***Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming  
and Inclusive Community***

# WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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Presiding: Richard Christmas

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## *We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith*

*Sometimes we might feel that we are not important, that we can't make a positive difference to our world. Just by being part of this faith community this morning you will make a difference.*

*Prior to the service the Creation, Value, 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.*

### **SEED OF MEDITATION**

*The first step toward discarding a scarcity mentality involves giving thanks for everything that you have.*

*Wayne Dyer*

*The simpler we make our lives, the more abundant they become. There is no scarcity except in our souls.*

*Sarah Ban Breathnach*

*We live in an age of artificial scarcity, maintained by ignorance and fear.*

*Robert Anton Wilson*

*The cause of poverty is not scarcity it is fear and small thinking.*

*Alan Cohen*

*Hunger is not caused by a scarcity of food but a scarcity of democracy.*

*Frances Moore Lappé*

*Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.*

*Nido Oubien*

**As the prelude begins, we invite you into come into the worship space for quiet reflection and to settle your souls.**

**PRELUDE**      *Improvisation*

## NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

From the time thousands of years ago when our human ancestors learned to harness fire to cook food or to warm themselves, we have been entranced by flame. As a child sitting around campfires in the summer, we learned that the flames forming a fire could be beautiful and a fun way to heat wieners or marshmallows. Here each Sunday the flame from the Christ candle reminds us that we are not alone, that Christ is omnipresent and his teachings can illuminate darkness that obscures our path.

### ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Doesn't it feel great to be here with a group of people who care for and about you? How blessed we are that we can worship together in freedom where we can bolster, nurture and enliven our faith by exploring new ideas and new perspectives.

**We know that we can soar like eagles mentally and spiritually in spite of our limitations when we trust in our faith, allow ourselves to be cared for by the love of our faith and prayers of our faith community.**

### INVOCATION PRAYER

Loving God where are you? Are you on a throne in a mystical place or can we find you in the ordinary people and places in our lives? This morning touch each of us by allowing us to hear that still small voice within us. We will hear your whisper today in music, stories in silence and in prayer.

### GATHERING PRAYER

**Loving creator.** Some of us are here this morning with worries about our health, or relationships, anxiety about the state of the world, worries about a job or economic security. We know that we should let go of these limiting thoughts and feelings but that is easier said than done.

**This morning we open our minds and hearts to the knowledge that although our eyes perceive scarcity --what God has in mind for us is greater than we can imagine.**

### HYMN

Worship the Lord

VU #401

- R      Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son, raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!
- 1      Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing, and with our lips our togetherness voicing, giving ourselves to a life of creativeness, worship and work must be one! R

- 2 Praying and training that we be a blessing, and by our handiwork daily confessing: we are committed to serving humanity, worship and work must be one! R
- 3 Called to be partners with God in creation, honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation, we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and work must be one! R
- 4 Bringing the bread and the wine to the table, asking that we may be led and enabled, truly united to build new communities, worship and work must be one! R
- 5 Now in response to the life you are giving, help us, O Father, to offer our living, seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one! R

*...to hear the wisdom of God.*

## READINGS

Isaiah 40 28-31;

The book of Isaiah is one of the most significant in the Old Testament. The New Testament alludes to it over 250 times and quotes it at least 50 times. The following passage has brought comfort to many.

Reader: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth

**Congregation: He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.**

Reader: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak

**Congregation: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.**

Reader: They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.

Matthew 14: 13-21 (New International Version).

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION:

*Jesu, Joy of My Desiring*

*J.S. Bach*

## REFLECTION

It's what you do with what you got that counts

## HYMN

For the Crowd of Thousands

VU #355

- 1 For the crowd of thousands sitting on the ground,  
seven is sufficient, seven will go round.

- 2        Seven is sufficient, fish and loaves of bread;  
            Jesus, for our hunger, gives us life instead.
- 3        Jesus makes his offer: fish and bread as food.  
            Make us truly thankful, make our living good.
- 4        If we give to Jesus bread to bless and break,  
            five and two will feed us seven days a week.
- 5        What we give to Jesus, and with others share,  
            will at last be gathered: over and to spare!

### **INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS**

We all dream of a world that is more peaceful, loving and just. Our monetary support allows this to happen as our contributions become the hands and feet of God. May this support help us to find and be here for people who have God shaped holes in their lives.

**OFFERTORY**                      *'Romance' from "Duet Suite"*                      *Denis Bedard*

**RECEPTION OF OFFERING HYMN**    What Can I Do?                      MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY & LORDS PRAYER**

**HYMN**                      Be Thou My Vision                      VU #642

- 1    Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
      naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
      thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
      waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2    Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
      I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
      thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
      thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

### **BLESSING**

Thank you for coming – your presence here has made a difference - maybe it was just a smile, a kind word, your caring thoughts, your prayer participation – you did make a difference.

This week may each of us find the courage to give thanks for what we have right now and allow the love of God to transform that into abundance. Amen

### **SUNG BENEDICTION**

What Does the Lord Require

VU #701

- 1 What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?
- 2 Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God.
- 3 To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God.

### **POSTLUDE**

*A Million Dreams*

*Benj Pasek & Justin Paul*

## **GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE**

July 14 – Stampede Service  
Wayne Holst

**2019 STAMPEDE WINDUP  
BREAKFAST – BRUNCH**  
**July 14<sup>th</sup>, St. David's United Church**  
**West Parking Lot.**  
**Hosted by SDUC and**  
**STARBUCKS Brentwood**

**Saint David's** and **Starbucks** are partnering to hold the first 2019 STAMPEDE WINDUP BREAKFAST – BRUNCH. To be held in our West Parking Lot from 8AM until noon, Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. A special thanks to the volunteers who have already stepped up to help. A few more would be very welcome. If you can assist please call Colin Outtrim at 587-998-9825 or Chantal in the church office. We are going to circulate invitations throughout our communities. Everyone - Please take a handful of these leaflets and drop them off at your neighbors or attached to any parked car windshields. The more the merrier. Bring your breakfast into the Sanctuary for a moving St. David's experience.

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

Greeters.....	July Sacred Service Team
Ushers .....	July Sacred Service Team
Counters.....	Colin Outtrim & Bertha Hancock
Projection.....	PSALT Team
Reader.....	Eldon Godfrey
Guest Musician.....	Mike Grammer - piano

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## ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. July 7	10:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo - Sanctuary
Mon. July 8	12:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall
Tues. July 9	9:00 am 6:00 pm	CA Meeting – Robertson Hall Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. July 10	9:30 am	Qigong – Robertson Hall
Thurs. July 11		
Fri. July 12		



Sat. July 13	6:00 am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room Funeral – TM Room True Light – Robertson Hall
Sun. July 14	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Stampede Breakfast – Parking Lot Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Iglesia Ni Cristo – Robertson Hall

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