

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
OCTOBER 6, 2019



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

Welcome to St. David's United Church

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Sunday October 6, 2019
WORLD COMMUNION
Presiding: Peggy McDonagh

We gather in faith as a Christ-infused church

PRELUDE *Elevation*

Camille Saint-Saens

Communion

Alexandre Guilmant

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Today we light the Christ candle symbolizing the presence of our Christian brothers and sisters in all places, conditions and possibilities. We pray to know and to live out of good intentions with our friends, our neighbours and with the world community.

LIGHTING THE VALUE CANDLE – GENEROSITY

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Autumn is slipping quickly through the trees; early snows take off their many-coloured garments.

We witness the earth's natural cycles and the colourful season of autumn.

Days growing shorter, air turning crisp, snow piling high, slow waning of the light, stars that shine in cold, dark nights.

We witness to this season of release and transformation.

We give thanks this day for each person present here.

We gather, seeking to be aware of our sisters and brothers, youth and children all around the world who join us this morning around the Table of Faith and New Life, for we are all formed in the Creator's image.

May God's Spirit who encounters us here in worship empower us to live in harmony with all the people of the Earth, and to love the world in Jesus' name.

HYMN All Who Hunger

VU #460

- 1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
 holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
 Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,

all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

- 3 All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

GATHERING PRAYER

God whose love enfolds all life, we have gathered in this sacred community again.

On this World Communion Sunday, we open our thoughts and hearts to our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world community. May we heal this great circle of life with love, ever expanding, ever growing, making the world a place of growing wisdom, unconditional acceptance and respect, and deeper connection. May we be a community of people seeking to bring your love alive through word and in deed. Nourish us with your Presence. We pray in trust. Amen.

...to seek and respond to the wisdom of God

READINGS I Cor. 11:29, Gal 3:28, Luke 13: 29, Quote by Swami Vivekananda

Quote by Matthew Fox, *In Sins of the Spirit, Blessings of the Flesh*. "The Eucharist is about the universe loving us unconditionally still one more time and giving itself to us in the most intimate way (as food and drink). Interconnectivity is the heart of the Eucharistic experience: God and humanity coming together, God and flesh, the flesh of wheat, wine, sunshine, soil, water, human ingenuity, stars, supernovas, galaxies, storms, fireballs – every Eucharist has a 15-billion-year sacred story that renders it holy."

REFLECTION FOR WORLD COMMUNION

HYMN I Come with Joy vs. 1, 2, & 3 VU #477
(American folk tune from William Walker's Southern Harmony)

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
 forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
 in love laid down for me,
 in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
 to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
 in Christ's communion bread,
 in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
 each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
 and strangers now are friends,
 and strangers now are friends.

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR PROSPERITY GIFTS

We are richly blessed through the gifts of all peoples and all creation. We pause now to offer our lives, hearts and our commitments, with generosity, for the blessings of God in our hearts and in all of life.

OFFERTORY *Here Is Love*

setting by Greg Wheatley

RECEPTION/DEDICATION AND PRESENTATION OF COMMUNION

ELEMENTS

(Tune: VU #307)

Grain of the land, and fruit of the planet,
gifts of Creation, we share in this place.
Feeding our courage, banish our failure,
bringing new life for the whole human race.

We who would hunger, thirsting for justice,
through faithful action our love is made real.
Bread of abundance, cup of renewal,
our lives seek meaning through this sacred meal.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

WELCOMING TO THE TABLE

In the silence of the morning, as the new day dawned around the world, God's people began to gather for worship amid the sounds of drums or pipes, strings or organs. And now we, too, join in this worldwide chorus of those who call upon the name of the Holy One of Life.

In the Spirit of the Christ we meet at this Table of Inclusion.

We come to this meal to refresh our bodies and renew our spirits.

We gather on this World Communion Sunday in company with our brothers and sisters throughout the world-wide church, across the bounds of language or nation, across the bounds of tradition or custom.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *[to the tune of "Be Thou My Vision"]*

Cantor Oh God be with you, now lift we our praise.

All And God be with you too, now and always.

Cantor Let us give thanks to God, so right to do.

All All-loving Maker, we give back to you.

At the beginning of everything

you took what was nothing. . .

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Cantor Holy of holies, of power and might

All So full of glory, your Word and your Light

Cantor Bless-ed are those who come in your name,

All Praise and hosannas, we offer the same.

Holy are you, and blessed in the one we call Jesus, the Christ.

He offered the Spirit's economy . . .

The story has it that on the night before Jesus was killed by those who feared him, he sat a table with his friends, women and men and children, sharing the feast of the Passover, which is the celebration of the liberation of God's people.

Cantor Taking the Bread and lifting the cup

All Giving his live-love, he opened to us

Cantor Path of salvation, a meal full of grace.

All Let us remember and join in this place.

Each time that we break bread together we participate in the Body of the Risen Christ, for we are the Body of the Risen Christ. And each time we share this bread. . .

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP (*at stations*)

In celebration of all spiritual paths, cultures, ethnicities, religions, and people we partake in this symbolic meal. Draw near and receive bread and cup as a sign of the one life that we share with all Created Life.

(For those unable to come forward, raise your hand and the bread and the cup will be served to you. For those unable to take juice or eat bread alternative elements are available.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Broken Body Gwyn Williams / arr. Richard Nichols

AFTER COMMUNION

**Give us your vision, the world cries in need:
Let us make room for all, casting out greed.
Open our hearts and our hands and our eyes,
Prayers lift unceasing, our hope in you lies!**

HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

VU #468

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
 reaching out with a shout of joy:
 bread is broken, the wine is poured,
 Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
 Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
 pass the Word around: loaves abound!
 Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
 pass the Word around: loaves abound!
- 2 Christ is able to make us one,
 at the table he sets the tone,
 teaching people to live to bless,
 love in word and in deed express. R
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out,
 bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
 gives us love to tell, bread to share:
 God (Immanuel) everywhere! R

. . .and are blessed.

BENEDICTION

Let us go with Jesus, the light who guides us on our way.
May our hope be that the Sun of Justice will rise one morning on all humankind.

**And we will become bread for a hungry world.
And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere will be the feast.**

May the God of Peace, our constant companion, lead us from this place along paths of solidarity and hope, and give us the joy to march in the light of God.

MUSICAL BLESSING May the Peace of God MV #222
May the peace of God be your peace.
May the love of God be the love you show.
May the joy of God be the joy you know,
and may the world that God would see be found in you.

POSTLUDE *Improvisation* *Garrett Krause -- Organ*

BUDGET MEETING

GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE
OCTOBER 13, 2019
Thanksgiving Sunday
Special Thanksgiving music by our Chamber Choir

THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Greeters.....October Sacred Service Team
UshersOctober Sacred Service Team
Counters.....Colin Outtrim, Bertha Hancock
Projection.....PSALT Team
Reader.....Wendy Dey
MusicSanctuary Choir, Dana Young-soloist
Accompanist.....Garrett Krause