

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

scripture shows us that wherever
god is moving it's disruptive.
things that jesus did in scripture were
revolutionary and even transgressive.
so we must be wary of
a picture of god that
makes us too comfortable
with what we believe,
because there's a good chance
that picture is an idol.

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

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

(Welcome to worship today. Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time or you have been here for longer than you can remember, you are welcome to be here and to participate however you feel comfortable. 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. God, through us, welcomes each of us to worship.)

SEEDS OF MEDITATION

Questions to ponder: When was the last time my faith “divided” me? When was the last time my faith life encouraged holy division, holy change, in someone else’s heart? In other words: what am I most invested in? My comfort or honestly following the way of Jesus?

PRELUDE

Improvisation

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Christ candle is lit to symbolize the Christ Spirit, a light that transcends all limits and bounds and shines from the heart as compassion and love.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

(based on a Celtic Opening Response)

Here in this shelter house, let us take time together.

For when we come with all our differences

seeking common ground,

there is much to share.

And when paths cross and dreams connect,

there is much to celebrate.

Here in this shelter house, let us take time together.

Let there be a gathering in trust;

Let there be purpose in our faith

let there be holiness in all that we do.

And may we enter into the heart of God.

HYMN You Call Us, Lord, to Worship (Tune #VU 112)

(Adapted from Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

We gather now to worship; the day is set aside.

Your love is overflowing; the doors are opened wide.

We feel your quiet presence abiding in this place

And so we humbly ask of you to lead us with your grace!"

We are forgiven people; we know your love's embrace.

The peace of Christ is with us; your breath moves through this place.

We hear your word in scripture, in sermon and in song.

Again, again, you tell us: we're loved and we belong.

We share our joys and sorrows and then we offer prayer

For people who are hurting, for nations everywhere.

We bring our gifts and offerings, returning what is yours,

For what we keep may vanish, but what we give endures.

We celebrate your love, God, through acts of faith and care

For in this house of worship we're welcomed, so we share.

We pray the prayer of Jesus; we sing our praise and then

Through daily, faithful living, we gather here again.

GATHERING PRAYER

(Liturgy from Harcourt Memorial United Church)

God of growth and transformation, of inward journey and outward reach,

you accompany us as we move once more

from where we are to where you would have us be:

**from our past, into your future,
from our hurts, into your healing,
from our isolation, into your community,
from our hesitancy, into your courage
from our quiet faith, into a disruptive faith.**

Your spirit is ever present, in us, around us and beyond us.
Strengthening us as we embrace all that we are
And all that we, by faith and grace, shall be.

**May a strong sense of your presence attend us
as we move now into life, into love, into worship.
Amen.**

To hear the wisdom of God

INTRODUCTION TO READING

READING Luke 12:49-56, NRSV

I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:
father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *Arabesque No. 1 Claude Debussy*

REFLECTION Disruptive Faith

...and to respond

HYMN Will You Come and Follow Me

VU #567

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

When we reflect God's essence in our daily lives we extend ourselves beyond petty attachments and ego preoccupation and move toward others as ripples from a stone thrown upon the stillness of a pond. Our offering is God's essence, ripples of faithful generosity. We reflect our commitment to our faith in this movement of giving our offering.

OFFERTORY *Mazurkas No. 2 & 4 – Op.68 F. Chopin*

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN

God of open, honest giving, stir our hearts that we may
share
riches from our daily living, frees the world from its despair.
When we act as faithful stewards, letting wealth and
kindness flow,
all that rises from such goodness shapes a world for peace
to grow.

MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

When Pain of the World

vs. 1, 2 & 4 VU #598

- 1 When pain of the world surrounds us
with darkness and despair,
when searching just confounds us
with false hopes everywhere,
when lives are starved for meaning
and destiny is bare,
we are called to follow Jesus
and let God's healing flow through us.
- 2 We see with fear and trembling
our aching world in need,
confessing to each other
our wastefulness and greed.
May we with steadfast caring
the hungry children feed.
We are called to follow Jesus
and let God's justice flow through us.
- 4 We praise you for our journey
and your abundant grace,
your saving word that guided
a struggling human race.
O God, with all creation,
your future we embrace.
We are called to follow Jesus
and let God's changes flow through us.

BLESSING

May we not be afraid of our
strength, our passion, our meaning.

**May we trust that we have the fire inside
to ignite our faith that it might disrupt us into action.**

As you move into the week find ways in which your faith will make a difference. Challenge your comfort zones, be God's peace in the world.

MUSICAL BENEDICTION

May God Who Creates You

VU#454

May God who creates you give you light;
may God who sustains you make you wise;
may God who protects you give you joy,
may God who surrounds you give you peace.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

**GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH
WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE**
August 25 2019

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.

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.....August Sacred Service Team
UshersAugust Sacred Service Team
Counters.....Bernie Nemeth, Peter Adams
Projection.....PSALT Team
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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Aug 18	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room
Mon. Aug 19	12:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall
Tues. Aug 20	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Aug 21	9:30 am	Qigong – Robertson Hall
Thurs. Aug 22		
Fri. Aug 23		
Sat. Aug 24	7:00 am 6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Aug 25	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room

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