

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2109



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

Welcome to St. David's United Church

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Presiding: Peggy McDonagh

We gather in faith as a Christ-infused church

(Welcome to worship today. Whether you are worshipping with us today 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 sacred space. God welcomes each of us to worship.)

SEED OF MEDITATION

"Compassion is not religious business, it is human business, it is not luxury, it is essential for our own peace and mental stability, it is essential for human survival."
- Dalai Lama

PRELUDE

Recit de Cornet

Francois Couperin

Benedictus – Chromhorne en Taille

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Organ – Claire Sharp

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this Christ candle to affirm that where there is light, there is understanding; where there is understanding, there is compassion; where there is compassion; there is possibility and where there is possibility there is transformation.
(M. McFee)

LIGHTING THE VALUE CANDLE – COMPASSION

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

If we make our goal to live a life of compassion and unconditional love, then the world will indeed become a garden where all kinds of flowers can bloom and grow.
- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

And then all that has divided us will merge and compassion will be wedded to power.

Right Side: Softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind

And then both men, women and children will be gentle.

Left Side: Both women, men and children will be strong

And then no person will be subject to another's will.

Choir: All will be rich and free and varied

And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many.

Right Side: All will share equally in Earth's abundance

And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old.

Left side: All will nourish the young

And then all will cherish life's creatures.

Choir: All will live in harmony with each other and the Earth

All And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

-Judy Chicago

GATHERING PRAYER

God of All Life, your hand is open wide

beaconing for us to satisfy the needs of every living creature.

**We recall the inclusive and compassionate
ministry of Jesus:**

**walls that divide were broken down,
the meek and deprived we loved and fed,
the mighty and powerful were challenged.**

Fill our hearts with the same compassionate spirit of Jesus
that we may respond faithfully to the needs of those whom it
would be easy for us to forget.

**In this and every land may we break down the barriers of
ignorance, indifference and greed,
that the multitudes who long for justice may share in the
bounty of resources, good will and love available to all. Amen.**

(-Adapted from a prayer on the Education for Justice Website)

OPENING HYMN

To Show by Touch and Word

VU #427

- 1 To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.
- 2 Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.
- 3 Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

READINGS ABOUT COMPASSION

Quote from the Charter of Compassion;

Readings from various faith traditions about compassion: Christianity -

Matthew 20: 30-24; Hindu - Bhagavad Gita 3 v20; Jewish – Psalm 112:3-5;

Muslim - Wael Abdelgawad; Bahai - Gleanings Pg 285 and Nelson Mandela quote.

ANTHEM

Bread of Heaven

Patricia Mock & Faye Lopez

REFLECTION

‘Compassion: It is in us to show’

We respond. . .

HYMN

Christ of Compassion

(Tune: VU #307)

(Text: Rev. Peggy McDonagh)

1. Christ of compassion, Christ of all giving,
Our hearts are full of your comfort and care.
Love's living presence, Spirit of Sharing,
Nourish and strengthen the faith that we bear.
2. Love for our neighbour, friend to the stranger,
Gently we open a place in our heart.
Peace to the fearful, hope to the lonely,
Spirits renewed through the care we impart.
3. Love from the heart, the sweetest expression,
tells of the Spirit alive in this place.
Spreading that love to people around us,
touching our living, with honour and grace.

PEACE GREETING

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And with you also.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Table of Love*

Karen Marrolli

RECEPTION OF OFFERING AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS & HYMN

1. 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.

2. 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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

The Spirit of God is here, within, between and beyond us. With bread and cup,
we honor a tradition grounded in the life of Jesus. Jesus lived deeply in God,
God lived deeply in Jesus.

**With the Holy One which is our Power for making justice and the
wellspring of compassion, may we live deeply in God as God
lives deeply in us.**

With love and determination Jesus stayed with his cause and courageously
lived his human life. . . Jesus lived God's justice and he died for this justice.

**May we, with the same Spirit, have courage to struggle one
day at a time, for justice and freedom, healing and
liberation.**

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, men and children, sharing the
feast of the Passover, which was 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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. We take bread, symbol of humanity, symbol of life . . .

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

(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

Let Us Come

Karen Marroli

AFTER COMMUNION

(Tune: Be Thou My Vision)

**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!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator of All Life, with bread and cup, we have honoured a tradition Jesus inherited and we carry on as a sign of the oneness of all of life. We renew our unity with one another, we renew our communion with the earth, and our interconnectedness with all peoples. Amen.
Amen.

HYMN

Sent forth by God's Blessings

VU

#481

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

...and be blessed.

BLESSING

Today offers a wonderful opportunity to give something valuable away, something of kindness, compassion, good will, understanding, and support.

I invite you this week

to open your hearts to the needs of others.

In a fully intentional way extend a kind act to someone you meet.

At least once a day

with wide-open hearts

**I promise to engage God's work from the
deepest place of compassion.**

SUNG 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

Offertoire sur les grands jeux

Francois Couperin

GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL NURTURE

Remembrance Sunday, November 10, 2019

Music by Chamber Choir

Guest Musicians: Pam Breuer – Trumpet, Andrew Joo – Piper

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**The Annual General Meeting
will be held on**

November 24, 2019 following worship and lunch

THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Greeters.....November Sacred Service Team
Ushers.....November Sacred Service Team
Counters.....Colin Outtrim & Bob Clare
Readers.....Marion Whitman, Eldon Godfrey, Wendy Dey
.....Sheryl Schoenthaler, Richard Christmas
Music.....Sanctuary Choir
Accompanist.....Garrett Krause
Minute Speak.....Sally Hodges