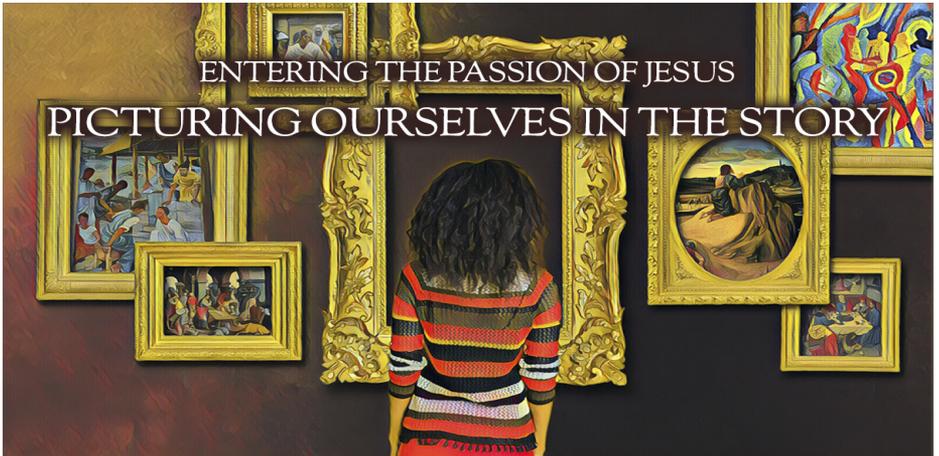


# ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

## March 15, 2020



### **“The Teaching: Risking Challenge”** **Week Three of Lent**



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

# Welcome to St. David's United Church

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**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

Rev Peggy McDonagh presiding with the people of St. David's

***We gather as a Christ-Infused Community***

**Prelude**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Lighting the third Lenten Candle**

We light the third Lenten candle to shine a light on ourselves in the story  
of the passion of Jesus.

**May this light illumine our path as we walk alongside Jesus  
and others who walked with him, that together we may experience  
expanded insight and transformation along the way.**

**Entering the Story  
Crossing the Threshold**

*Leader:* We continue our journey through Lent as we... .

*[Soloist sings]*

Enter

Enter the story

Enter the place you belong

Not just looking on

For this is *your* story

Enter the story

*[Choir repeats]*

Enter

Come enter the story

Enter the place you belong

Not just looking on

For this is *your* story

Enter the story

*Leader:* The last days of his life, Jesus doesn't "lay low"... .

*[Soloist, Choir and Congregation Sing]*

**Enter**

**Enter the passion  
Enter the place we belong  
Not just looking on  
For this is *our* passion  
Enter the passion**

*(People stand as the song is repeated)*

**Enter**

**Enter the passion  
Enter the place we belong  
Not just looking on  
For this is *our* passion  
Enter the passion  
Enter the story...  
Enter the passion...  
Enter his passion.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

We come into prayer together

**People: We come here to encounter the teachings of Jesus.**

**Many wanted to destroy him for these teachings,  
and sometimes we too find that his words challenge us,  
calling us to more than we think we can be or do.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Let us be shaped into a new people,  
made in the mold of justice,  
not the stamp of Caesar's coin.**

**God of Love, you enter our story again and again.  
May we have the courage to enter fully into the story  
of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

### **Opening Responsive Hymn**

Jesus, United by Your Grace vs. 1, & 2

VU #591 (Tune VU #266)

*[The people remain standing]*

**Assurance of Pardon and Entering the Passion of Jesus**

# Getting Perspective

## Telling the Story

### Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story vs. 1 VU #343  
I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

### Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

An echo-prayer.

Holy Creator

**We will dare to join the journey.**

*[Hand to heart]*

**We will walk your loving way.**

*[Walk in place]*

**We will live your sacred story,**

*[Hold hands like opening a book]*

**Through the things we do and say.**

*[Hands open and outstretched on "do." Hand cupped to sides of mouth  
on "say."]*

**Amen.**

*[Praying hands]*

**Time with the Gospel:**

Matthew 22:15-22; 34-40

*(Jesus teaching is tested)*

**Prayer after Reading**

**Loving God,**

**Help us live your story,**

**By daring to celebrate Jesus**

**Wherever we are.**

**Hosanna. Amen.**

## **Listening to the Story**

Matthew 4:1-11  
(*Jesus is tested again*)

### **Anthem**

*Open Thou Mine Eyes*

### **Dwelling in the Story - Tableau** (A kind of “midrash” [teaching] based on the artwork)

[Soloist and Choir sings]

Enter

Enter the story

Enter the place you belong

Not just looking on

For this is *your* story

Enter the story

[Congregation join in]

**Enter**

**Enter the passion**

**Enter the place we belong**

**Not just looking on**

**For this is *our* passion**

**Enter the passion**

**Enter the story...**

**Enter the passion...**

**Enter his passion.**

### **Reflection**

*Guest Speaker: Kelly Ernst, Calgary's Rainbow Railroad Station*

### **Hymn**

Christ of Compassion

(Tune: VU #307) (Words by Rev. Peggy McDonagh)

Christ of compassion, Christ of all giving,

Our hearts are full of your kindness and care.

Love's living presence, Spirit of Sharing,

Nourish and strengthen the faith that we bear.

Love for people struggling and hurting,

gently we open a place in our heart.

Hope for the lost ones, fearful and lonely,

spirits renewed through the care we impart.

Traveling companions, friends on the journey,  
Reaching to others who seek a safe place.  
Spreading our love to people who needs us,  
touching their living, with hope and with grace.

## **The Body of Christ Prays**

### **Sung entrance into prayer**

Love us into Fullness vs. 1 & 3 MV #81

**Love us into fullness, touch us with your grace;  
Jesus, in your mercy, draw us to your face.**

**Love us into fullness, and we will be strong;  
Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.**

We remember today the lives of those who are oppressed . . .

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Sung closure of prayer**

Love us into Fullness vs. 3 MV #81

**Love us into fullness, and we will be strong;  
Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.**

## **A Time of Offering Ourselves**

### **Offertory**

#### **Reception of Offering and Dedication Prayer**

“This is my creative spirit in the world, this is my offering.  
May you see the things you do, no matter how small or mundane,  
as the way that you contribute goodness to the world,  
creating more life, more joy, more love.”

**Praise be to God, the Creator of all that is!**

## **Entering the World's Story**

### **Hymn**

Love is the Touch vs. 1-3 MV #89 (Tune VU #624)

Love is the touch of intangible joy.  
Love is the force that no fear can destroy.  
Love is the goodness we gladly applaud.  
God is where love is, for love is of God

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;  
Love is the hope that can make us rejoice;  
Love is the cure for the frightened and flawed;  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;  
Love is the will to be whole once again;  
Love is the trust of a friend on the road;  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Intermezzo Founded Upon an Irish Air - C.V. Stanford*

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

Greeters.....	March Sacred Service Team
Ushers.....	March Sacred Service Team
Projection.....	PSALT Team
Readers.....	Tyson and Taylor Carroll
Music.....	Sanctuary Choir
Accompanist.....	Garrett Krause

# **Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives through Worship & Nurture**

**March 22: Lent Four**

## **The First Dinner: Risking Rejection**

Besides the Last Supper, Holy Week contains another important story that happens at dinner. Earlier in the week, Jesus and his followers gather for a meal, and a woman shows up unexpectedly to anoint Jesus in an extravagant show of devotion. To say she caused quite a “stir” might be understating it a bit. We imagine ourselves in the room and we see the looks of judgment and even outrage on the faces around us.

Are we ourselves moved by her generosity and outpouring of emotion? Or are we uncomfortable as Jesus refers to his own death? Does our complaining or anger really serve to hide our own fear? Jesus invites us to tell this story “in remembrance of her.” What uncomfortable stories are we called to tell in our time?