



It's a
wonder-full
life

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

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

We gather as a Christ-Infused Community

A warm welcome is extended to all. 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. Come as you are -- and be.

Prior to the service the Affirming candle was 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

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." – John 10:10b

"You see George, you really had a wonderful life." Clarence Obody

GATHERING: COMPASSION

(Spiritual practice feeds the part of ourselves oriented toward serenity, harmony, truth, compassion, and gratitude. In short, the point of spiritual practice is to train the heart toward love—both giving and receiving—and for the wielding of love's power." But this practice is not commonly used to describe the role of money in our lives. We gather to gain a fresh perspective on how money can be a valued and important part of our spiritual journey.)

Prelude

Adagietto - Leon Boellmann

Priere a Notre-Dame - Leon Boellmann

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

ILLUMINATING THE SHADOWS (Threshold Moment)

Be Thou my Vision vs. 1 VU #642
**Be thou my vision, O Lord 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, they presence my light.**

We light this flame to affirm that where there is light,
there is understanding;
where there is understanding,
there is compassion;
where there is compassion,
there is possibility;
where there is possibility;
there is transformation.

Holy and Living God,
transform our fears into awe-inspiring wonder.
**Open us to this light,
And to the rich possibilities that it brings us
For a “wonder-full” life.**

Opening Hymn

O Splendour of God's Glory Bright vs. 1-3 VU #413
(Tune VU #372)

- 1 O splendour of God's glory bright,
from light eternal bringing light;
O light of life, light's living spring,
true day, all days illumining:
- 2 come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,
pour down your radiance from above,
and to our inward hearts convey
the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.
- 3 O joyful be the passing day
with thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
with faith like noontide shining bright,
our souls unshadowed by the night.

TIME OF WONDER. . .
Connecting – Passing the Peace

Gathering people together singing:

A Wonder Full Life

Two-part round

① Easy, flowing ♩ = 92

To be full of love, to be full of grace,
Giv-ing o - thers love, giv-ing o - thers grace,

②

to be full of peace is a won-der full life.
giv-ing o - thers peace is a won-der full life.

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PROCLAIMING: CURIOSITY

(We become curious—full of “wonder-ing”—further transforming our tendencies of avoiding money issues into a desire to learn more, know more, about systems of money and our own relationship to it. We explore what our faith story invites us to do as we live within the systems of money in which we find ourselves)

Anthem

Missa Brevis – Gloria (excerpt) - G. P. da Palestrina

Translation: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

Scripture

Matthew 6: 19-24

Reader: We live an “incarnational” faith—the belief that, like Jesus,. . .
Let us prepare our hearts for the scripture this day:

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

After reading:

This is the Word of God for the people of the Spirit

Thanks be to God

Reflection

“Treasures of the Heart”

Hymn

God of open, honest giving
(Tune: VU #635 Text: Rev. Peggy McDonagh)
God of open, honest giving,
stir our hearts that we may share
riches from our daily living,
free the world from its despair.
God who dreams a world of wonder,
shares our human struggling plight;
calling us to share our treasures
save us from all narrow sight.

Blessings shrivel when we hoard them;
Losing touch with loving ways,
When in faith we see our value
Life is rich with joy each day.
Blessings grow in acts of sharing
letting wealth and mercy flow,
all that rises from God's treasures
shapes a world where love can grow.

RESPONDING: CREATIVITY

(This part of the service helps us to “wonder” in a different way. We invite a state of awe at the abundance of our lives by noticing the “rich” beauty around us, the presence of “treasured” people, and new and unexpected “gems” that cross our paths. We commit to engage our creativity to multiply good in the world.)

Announcements

Offering Witness

Offertory

Missa Brevis – Sanctus & Benedictus - G. P. da Palestrina
Translation: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Reception of Offering and Communion Elements

As We Gather at Your Table vs. 1 VU #457

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;

let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to be in Communion with God and with one another

The Great Thanksgiving
[To the tune of "Abide with Me" VU #436]

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 abide in you.

At the beginning of everything. . . .
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Cantor Holy of holies, loving is your sight,
All So full of glory, is your Word, your Light
Cantor Bless-ed are those who come in your good name,
All We praise with love and offer all the same.

Holy are you, and blessed in the one we call Jesus, the Christ....
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 up the cup
All Giving his love Jesus opened to us
Cantor Path of salvation, trust so full of grace.
All We will remember as we share in this place.

Each time that we break bread together we participate in the Body of the
Risen Christ, . . .

Congregational Response (Song)
Thank you, God, Thank you, God
Thank you, God, I just want to thank you God.

Sharing the bread and the cup (*at stations*)

God of Life pour out your Holy Spirit upon us in this moment so that we might know your presence and love in our lives.

Make us one so that we can co-create your reign on earth as it is in heaven. Let this bread and fruit of the vine fill us with your Spirit for the work and play of loving creation and each other fully.

(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

Missa Brevis – Agnus Dei - G. P. da Palestrina

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer after Receiving

SENDING FORTH: COMMITMENT

Having walked with God in “looking” into our heart’s relationship to money, we commit to take the practices out into the world and our daily lives with renewed compassion, curiosity and creativity.

Sending Hymn

What A Wonderful World (Louis Armstrong)

I see trees of green, red roses too

I see them bloom for me and you

And I think to myself what a wonderful world

I see skies of blue and clouds of white

The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night

And I think to myself what a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky

Are also on the faces of people going by

I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do

They're really saying I love you.

I hear babies cry; I watch them grow

They'll learn much more than I'll ever learn

And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

Benediction

Postlude
Toccata - Leon Boellmann

Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives through Worship & Nurture

February 16 2020

Week Three of “A Wonder-Full Life”

“Looking Out (with Gratitude)”

Mr. Potter, what makes you such a hard-skulled character? You have no family, no children. You can't begin to spend all the money you've got.

—Peter Bailey to Mr. Potter

“Just remember this, Mr. Potter, that this rabble you're talking about ... they do most of the working and paying and living and dying in this community. Well, is it too much to have them work and pay and live and die in a couple of decent rooms and a bath?

Anyway, my father didn't think so. People were human beings to him, but to you, a warped, frustrated old man, they're cattle. Well, in my book, he died a much richer man than you'll ever be.”

—George Bailey Jr. to Mr. Potter

Synopsis for February 16 Worship

The difference between the Baileys and the Potters of the world comes both in the inner and outer worlds. Do we reap love and generosity or bitterness and resentment? This week we ask if the outer manifestations of our money practices align with our courageous vision. Are we creating the impact for which we hope? at least moving in that direction? When our practices—no matter how incremental or seemingly simple—are serving the vision, we live with a sense of wholeheartedness and wonder that energizes us, those around us, and the world. We “truly live a Wonder-Full Life.”

Celebration of Life for John (Jack) Wilkes

February 15 at 2:00

St. David's United Church

Reception to Follow in the TM Room

“EDGE – Action and The Future of St. David’s”

In the spirit of continuing communication, action in the definition of the Future of St. David’s United Church we invite you to a discussion group.

Everyone is welcome. This meeting will be held in the foyer on the second Sunday of the month from February to June 2020. The EDGE Committee (Colin Outtrim, Deb Charnuski and Peggy McDonagh) will host 20-minute discussion after the worship service.

Your 2019 Tax Receipts are available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Please pick them up as you leave.

THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Greeters..... February Sacred Service Team
- UshersFebruary Sacred Service Team
- Projection.....PSALT Team
- Reader.....Eldon Godfrey
- MusicChamber Choir
- Minute Speak.....Mike Stockdale

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