

# ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

## SUNDAY JULY 12 2020

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

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### **GATHERING WITH COMPASSION**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and News of the Community**

### **Gathering with Compassion**

**Illuminating our Hearts** (Opening Words)

### **Lighting the Affirming and the Treaty 7/Metis Candles**

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

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.**

#### **Hymn**

Love Now Ascending (Tune VU #315)

Holy, holy, holy, love now ascending  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to you  
Holy, holy, holy, joy that has no ending  
Giving, forgiving, breathing life anew.

Holy, holy, holy, love without a limit  
Care that binds creation in sacred unity  
Holy, holy, holy, birthing every minute,  
Christ, Love's revealer, sets our spirits free.

Holy, holy, holy, raise your voice in singing,  
Join the cosmic chorus in praise of Love divine,  
Holy, holy, holy, God beyond all naming,  
Echoes our song in harmony sublime.

## EXPANSION OF OUR HEARTS

### Gathering in the Spirit

May we hold love in our hearts  
and bring to our future,  
faithfulness in time of challenge,  
May we hold mystery in the depths of our being,  
and bring to our future,  
courage to dream and wait and dream again.  
May we hold acceptance for ourselves and each other,  
and bring to our future,  
awareness that reaffirms what are most valuable in  
life, human relationships, compassionate communities,  
and renewed well-being.

May we hold compassion in our hearts  
and may we bless each day with  
grace that welcomes, honors, sustains, and values all.

*Adapted - Liturgy by Rex A.E. Hunt*

### Gathering Prayer

(Adapted from C. Well)

Source of Wisdom and Compassion, God of Forever Love,  
moving within and beyond all humanity and creation,  
we dare to be bold as we claim a sense of sacred oneness  
with you and with all humanity and creation.

May your Love awaken within us always,  
the wonder that humbles us,  
the beauty that informs us,  
and the creativity that heightens and deepens our living,  
that we may give ourselves in honesty and openness  
to the beginning of this new day and the larger life before us. Amen.

### Anthem

*Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies Sake*      *by Richard Farrant*

## PROCLAIMING

### Scripture Readings

Matthew 22: 34-40; 1 Corinthians 12:13; 1 Samuel 16:7; Job 12:7-10

### Reflection

*'Three COVID Blessings'*

### Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace      VU #684

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, Spirit grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
to be understood as to understand  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
It is in giving to all that we receive,  
And in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Oh, Spirit grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
to be understood as to understand  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

## **RESPONDING**

### **Prayers of the Heart**

#### **An Indigenous Interpretation of the Lord's Prayer**

O Great Spirit the Source of our life and Creator of all, moving through the Heavens, in the Earth and in our hearts.

**Your name is sacred to us; we see it every day in the skies, in the rivers and in the forests.**

You are a friend to the four-legged ones, the winged ones, the ones who live in the waters and to the two-legged ones.

**Your eternal Ways bring harmony and strength, so the hoop of your people is unbroken as we gather around the council fires for wisdom.**

You are the Source of our life.

**So, we rejoice each day for the food we eat, the shelter we live in and the companions we share. Help us to remember that as we love all that is around us your love grows within us. Lead our steps away from the trails of confusion and hurtfulness; place our feet on the trails of harmony and sharing. For Your Ways direct our lives, Your Power ignites the campfires of our hearts. Let us sing songs of joy to each other as we gather our logs. Thank you, Great Spirit. Amen.**

*by Jim Nuttal*

### **Hymn**

May the God of Hope Go with Us      VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Chorus

Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working, for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear God's call.

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.

Chorus

Praying, let us work for peace,.....

**Sending**

Day by day, God will lead us:  
**to those pools of peace where we can  
care for our friends and strangers  
even from a safe distance.**

Day by day, Jesus will call us:  
**to give ourselves in service,  
to anoint others with hope,  
to stay in the safe places  
for the good of all of God's people.**

Day by day, the Spirit shows us:  
**the people we might be,  
the community we might become  
when once again we can gather.**

(Rev. Thom M. Shuman)

**Postlude**