

Our mission is love God, to love our neighbor as ourselves and to nurture and strengthen our Christian faith

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SPIRITUAL SEEDS

“Have courage for the great sorrows of life, and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake “--Victor Hugo

“The sovereign cure for worry is prayer” - William James

“Preach the Gospel – use words if necessary -“St. Francis of Assisi

“When my arms can’t reach people who are close to my heart I always hug them with my prayers.” Snoopy from Charlie Brown -Charles M Schulz

GATHERING WITH COMPASSION

Prelude

Welcome and News of the community

Lighting the Candles

On behalf of our faith family at St, David’s I light the Affirming Candle because if we are to do as Christ demonstrated we must affirm that all humanity in its wonderful diversity of race, colour and gender must be respected and valued.

I light the Treaty 7/ Metis Region 3 candle to show respect for their heritage and confirm our continual commitment to live harmoniously and respect with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Matthew reports that Jesus said

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Light symbolizes knowledge, understanding and clarity and by that light a better way of living and loving. In this weekly ritual we remind ourselves to share the light of that knowledge in our interactions with the world so that we might diminish the darkness that others live in.

Hymn All things bright and beautiful VU #291

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,

God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings. R

2 The purpleheaded mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky; R

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. R

4 The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall; R

5 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. R

EXPANSION OF OUR HEARTS

FOCUSING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Christ calls us to a life-stance and lifestyle of hope.

For Hope lends our hearts wings and frees our minds to dream dreams.

Hope guides our feet in the directions of success and provides a channel for God's healing.

Hope assists our bodies to achieve strength from weakness and our relationships from mediocre to special and our circumstances from fractured to whole.

There is no limit to God's reservoir of hope – it is free for the taking.

Rev. Dr. Stan Errett

Opening Prayer

The world outside this sanctuary and our homes inundates us with numbers that can be frightening as those numbers document death, disease and financial distress.

Our Christian story bolsters us with Faith

The world threatens us to weaken us by surrounding us with bad news

Our Christian story gives us Strength

The world promotes instant gratification

Our Christian story teaches us to be Patient

The world would have us believe the future maybe miserable and dismal

Our Christian story provides us with Hope and as Jesus taught in a parable – the best wine is yet to come.

Proclaiming

Readings

Matthew 18:21

1 Samuel 16 Verse 7

Matthew 14:13-21

Reflection: The world is too much with us

RESPONDING

Hymn For the Crowd of Thousands #355 VU

- 1 For the crowd of thousands
 sitting on the ground,
 seven is sufficient,
 seven will go round.

- 2 Seven is sufficient,
 fish and loaves of bread;
 Jesus, for our hunger,
 gives us life instead.

- 3 Jesus makes his offer:
 fish and bread as food.
 Make us truly thankful,
 make our living good.

- 4 If we give to Jesus
 bread to bless and break,
 five and two will feed us
 seven days a week.

- 5 What we give to Jesus,
 and with others share,
 will at last be gathered:
 over and to spare!

PRAYERS OF OUR HEARTS

The Lords Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn Morning has broken VU 409

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Blessing

As we leave this gathering time

We go into our lives and relationships

Strengthened by faith

Fortified with courage

Willing to be patient and

Directed by love and hope

Amen