

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
July 14, 2019



Good Samaritans

*Deepening our Spiritual Lives as an Affirming and Inclusive
Congregation*

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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Presiding: Rev. Dr. Wayne Holst

We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

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 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 FOR MEDITATION

WHEN CREATION WAS YOUNG

by Marvin

Hass

Take me out to the edge of creation
Where the land and the rivers are wild
Let me see forever and...then some
To the place where God rested and smiled.

Show peaks that reach to the top of the world
Turning pink as they greet the new day
Help me feel the way that it certainly was
When the West was "The West" as they say. ...

PRELUDE

Highland Cathedral

C. Callahan

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As the Christ candle is lit we are reminded of Jesus' call to be the light of justice and love to all people.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

We see reminders of our Creator in endless prairie skies, green rolling foothills and in our city where we are celebrating our heritage. Let us greet our Creator with praise and celebration,

Alleluia!

We see reminders of Christ in the light in one another's eyes, in acts of kindness and in the love we are called to share. Let us greet Christ with praise and celebration,

Alleluia!

We see reminders of the Spirit in soft summer breezes, in dancing campfire flames and in the warmth of our church community. Let us greet the Spirit in and around us with celebration and praise,

Alleluia!

GATHERING PRAYER

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds
and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me.

I am small and weak.

I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes
ever behold the red and purple sunset.

**Make my hands respect the things you have made
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.**

Make me wise so that I may understand
the things you have taught my people.

**Let me learn the lessons you have hidden
in every leaf and rock.**

I seek strength, not to be superior to my sister and brother,
but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.

Make me always ready to come to you
with clean hands and straight eyes,

**so when life fades, as the fading sunset,
my spirit will come to you without shame.**

American Indian - Lakota - Chief Yellow Lark - 1887

HYMN This is the Day
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

FAITH CHAT with Rev. Debbie Stockdale

. . .to hear the wisdom of God.

READINGS Psalm 82 "A Plea for Justice";
 Luke 10:25-37 "The Parable of the Good Samaritan"

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION: Eileen Kosasih – violin & piano

REFLECTION *'The Good Samaritan Revisited'*

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

Neighbours are wealthy and poor, varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near us and far away.

Refrain

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
love, all these are neighbours to us and you.

Refrain

Loving puts us on our knees, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

We respond. . .

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

We are grateful for the gifts of prairie and foothills;
for opportunities to celebrate our heritage with pancakes and Yahoos.
Our hearts overflow with thankfulness for this place in which we are
reminded of the Creator's love for all and of the call for each of us to
share that great love in the world. Let us now share our offering.

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN

VU #518, v3

As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought

With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause, but share
your love with neighbours too.

O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Celebrations and Concerns

We give you thanks for the many mercies of each day,
for the kind word given freely,
for the smile offered sincerely,
for the simple moments
when someone loves a neighbour.

God, hear our prayers.

We remember and pray
for people who care for others,
all of those whose compassionate attention to detail
enhances another's life.

God, hear our prayers.

In a new understanding of being a neighbour,
we give thanks for what we receive
freely from others
who choose to be a neighbour to us,
despite differences that may stand between us.
We pray for a greater understanding and awareness
that everyone is our neighbour.

God, hear our prayers.

We give thanks for every opportunity
to be a neighbour to others.
We pray for justice for those
who are mistreated by others.

God, hear our prayers.

In the many roads we've yet to walk,
the journeys still to undertake,
may we find our neighbour at every turn,
and accept the ongoing surprise of your gospel,
in the neighbourhood of your reign. Amen.

... and we gather our voices together to pray as Jesus taught us:

HYMN One More Step along the World I Go vs. 1,2,4

VU #639

1. One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me traveling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.

2. Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn,
and the new things that I see,
you'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.

4. Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.

...and are blessed.

BLESSING

Go from this gathering to meet your neighbour
with open hands and an open heart
giving and receiving the goodness of God's love.

SUNG BENEDICTION

VU 422, v 1

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

A. Campra

**Growing And Deepening our Lives Through Worship and
Spiritual Nurture**

July 21 – "Hospitality "
Rev. Dr. Wayne Holst

THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Greeters.....July Sacred Service Team
 UshersJuly Sacred Service Team
 Counters.....Kerry Duncan McCartney, Bob Clare
 Projection.....PSALT Team
 Reader.....Meryl Arnott
 Guest Musician.....Eileen Kosasih – violin & piano

A special thank you to Rev. Dr. Bruce Clark for sharing his musical Talents on the pipe organ this morning.

ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. July 14	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Stampede Breakfast – Parking Lot Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Iglesia Ni Cristo – Robertson Hall
Mon. July 15	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Amici Strings Camp Caroline Knight - Lacombe
Tues. July 16	8:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Amici Strings Camp Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room Caroline Knight - Lacombe
Wed. July 17	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Amici Strings Camp Caroline Knight - Lacombe
Thurs. July 18	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Amici Strings Camp Caroline Knight - Lacombe
Fri. July 19	8:00 am	Amici Strings Camp
Sat. July 20	7:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room Caroline Knight - Lacombe True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. July 21	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room

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