

St. David's United Church

**GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES IN AN AFFIRMING AND
INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY**

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Bread of Life



**GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR LIVES THROUGH WORSHIP AND
SPIRITUAL NURTURE**

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*Our mission is to love God, to love our neighbour as ourselves,
and to nurture and strengthen our Christian faith.*

SUNDAY, August 5, 2018

Presiding – Debbie Stockdale

We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

SEED OF MEDITATION

*Love doesn't just sit there, like a stone; it has to be made, like bread,
remade all the time, made new.* *Ursula K. Le Guin*

PRELUDE *Improvisation*

WELCOME

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

May this candle remind us that the light of Christ is with us always; within us and around us, bringing warmth and hope and joy whenever we notice it.

Praise be to Christ, the Light of the World!

The Creation candle reminds us of the miraculous web of life we are part of. May the light of this candle inspire us to cherish the earth, our home, the sacred ground under our feet.

Praise be to the Creator!

We light the Affirming candle in celebration of the wonderful diversity of genders, colours and shapes that humanity is created in. May the Creator in whose image we are all created, Christ who modeled inclusion, and the Spirit who guides us toward justice guide us as we work towards peace and justice for all.

Amen.

Finally we light a candle as we acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples with whom Treaty 7 was signed and

the territory wherein our church resides. Help us work towards healing and reconciliation we pray.

Amen

FOCUSING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

We come today as your people, seeking nourishment and comfort for our souls.

Bread of life, give us this day our daily bread.

Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you.

As spiritual beings, we desire food for our souls that endures—
faith, hope, and love.

Bread of Life, give us this day our daily bread.

All life is created and nourished by you!

May we grow into new circles of understanding and being,
reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy bread.

Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

OPENING PRAYER (together):

Nurturing God, Bread of Life,

**the eyes of all look to you in hope; and you give them what they
need.**

**You open your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every
living thing.**

We, too, turn to you, longing to be filled—

**to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from your life-giving streams,
to taste your goodness and live.**

**May the time we spend together in your presence today nourish
our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with you,
and renew our commitment to live in this world as your faithful
disciples. For you alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life.**

In Jesus' name, Amen. *Christine Longhurst, used with permission*

HYMN I Love to Tell the Story

VU #343

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

2 I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

MOMENT BEFORE READING

Holy presence in our lives, as we listen to these readings, help us to hear an encouraging word for this day. Help us to listen deeply for your voice to guide us. Feed us with the bread of life. Amen

READINGS

In this reading from the Gospel of John we hear Jesus say, 'I am the bread of life.' Listen and be nourished.

John 6: 24-35

A poem to reflect on by Malcolm Guite:

I Am the Bread of Life

Where to get bread? An ever-pressing question
That trembles on the lips of anxious mothers,
Bread for their families, bread for all these others;
A whole world on the margin of exhaustion.
And where that hunger has been satisfied
Where to get bread? The question still returns
In our abundance something starves and yearns
We crave fulfillment, crave and are denied.

And then comes One who speaks into our needs
Who opens out the secret hopes we cherish
Whose presence calls our hidden hearts to flourish
Whose words unfold in us like living seeds
Come to me, broken, hungry, incomplete,
I Am the Bread of Life, break Me and eat.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Oh Rest in the Lord" from *Elijah* F. Mendelssohn

REFLECTION*Bread of Life***MINDFULNESS MOMENT**

Take a moment to reflect and notice. Is there something the Holy is offering to you in this moment?

HYMN Bread of Life, Feed My Soul

VU #501

- 1 Break now the bread of life, Saviour, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O Living Word.
- 2 Bless your own truth, dear Christ, to me, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all-in-all.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Let us offer our loaves and fishes in the service of God's kingdom.

OFFERTORY *Every Day is a Gift from the Lord**D. Besig***DEDICATION HYMN** What Can I Do? (Sing twice)

MV #191

What can I do?
What can I bring
What can I say?
What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share.

MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...and now we join our voices as we sing together the prayer Jesus taught us. VU p. 959

HYMN May the God of Hope Go With Us

VU #424

- 1 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.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

- 2 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. R

BLESSING and COMMISSIONING

POSTLUDE *Improvisation*

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WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

We hope that your heart is touched, your faith inspired and your spiritual life deepened in this gathering time and worship experience. If you are visiting for the first time please know that you are welcome, you are valued, and you enhance this sacred place by your presence.

If you wish to know more about St. David's, please fill in a "Response Card" found at the back of the Sanctuary and place it in the box or the offering plate.

Thank you for making this a scent free environment. It is a joy to have you with us today, please be welcomed and embraced. Please join us following worship in the TM room for conversation, coffee/tea and fellowship. Washrooms are opposite the front entrance and in the basement.

The Rainbow Room Nursery is available for infants to pre-school age, downstairs at the end of Robertson Hall. Easy Listener hearing devices are available from the ushers.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Voices United hymn book, at the back of the church, or from an usher. If you would like to have contribution envelopes, please contact the office. Tax receipts are issued at the end of the year for all identified donations and offerings. If you give through PAR, PAR cards are available from the ushers to be placed on the offering plate as a symbol of your offering given through PAR.

PRAYER CONCERNS The prayer chain is committed to praying for you in times of crisis for a period of 30 days. Please contact the office or one of the ministers.

FLOWERS enhance our church services each Sunday. Remember loved or joyous occasions all year with donations to the flower fund. Dedications are placed in the worship folder.

If anyone has celebrations or events they wish to have acknowledged in the worship folder or newsletter, please contact the office administrator at the church office at 403 284-2276 or admin@sduc.ca no later than Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL CARE *If you have any pastoral concerns about yourself or others please contact Peggy McDonagh at the church office. If you know someone who is in long term care, in hospital or is in need of a visit, please contact the office.*

We need your help ... in a congregation the size of St. David's it can be difficult to know who has not been present in worship for some time. If you are aware of someone you have not seen for awhile please contact the office or contact the people and let them know that they are missed. As a congregation, we all have to be aware of one another and acknowledge those absent to ensure everyone feels cared for and valued. Let us all do our part to keep connected.

THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Greeters.....	August Sacred Service Team
Ushers	August Sacred Service Team
Counters.....	Bertha Hancock, Colin
Outtrim	
Reader.....	Betsy Woolner
Projection.....	PSALT Team
Sunday Receptionist.....	Margaret Pellicci
Music	Betsy Woolner, Soprano, Claire Sharp, Violin

MINISTRY PERSONNEL

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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Aug 5	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. Aug 6		Office is closed
Tues. Aug 7	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Aug 8	9:30 am	Qigong – TM Room
Thurs. Aug 9		No Events
Fri. Aug 10		No Events
Sat. Aug 11	6:00 pm	True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Aug 12	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church – Sanctuary & TM Room

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