**August 15**

Pre Service Slides

10:30 AM

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**Prelude (Colin Bonneau)**

Pulpit

News and announcements

Center

***Candles*** *are lit*

Oh, warm and comforting flame, sparkle, sparkle now!

Guide us into safe soul refuge.

Christ the bright and comforting twinkling night light,

Christ, the high noon if infinite serenity.

How we long for and look for you oh God.

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**Call to Worship**

God of all the summer days, we worship you.

**We experience you in the joy of meeting and greeting.**

God of all the summer days, we praise you.

**We experience you in the moments alone on patio, balcony, garden and field.**

God of all the summer days, we join with others to thank you.

**May you fill our hearts and minds this summer day.**

Bless our time together. Amen

Pulpit

**Opening Prayer (not on screen)**

God of rain and shine, of morning and evening, of the sun and moon, thank you for this time we can set apart to worship you, to pursue our relationship with you with all the ardour and love in which you pursue a relationship with us, For Jesus’ sake, Amen.

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**Opening Hymn:** **VU 376** *Spirit of the Living God*

Center

Introduction:

**One:**  Siblings in Christ, let us celebrate God’s gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism. There is one Body and one Spirit; we have hope in one Christ. There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God, creator of all. Out of the waters of baptism we rise with new life; forgiven, renewed and one with Christ, members of Christ’s body.

*(for each person to be baptized)*

On behalf of the congregation of St. David’s United Church, I present \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_son/daughter of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for initiation into the body of Christ through the waters of Baptism.

Statement of Faith: #918 VU “A New Creed”

We are not alone,

we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence, to live with

respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Parent’s Promise:

**One**: As you bring your child for baptism, do you profess your own faith in God, source of love; in Jesus Christ, love incarnate and in the Holy Spirit, love’s power?

**Parent(s)**: **I do, by the grace of God.**

**One**: Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions? Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice and witnessing to God’s love for all creation?

**Parent(s): I will, God being my helper.**

**One:**  Will you join with brothers and sisters in the church to share in the life, work and ministry of Jesus Christ?

**Parent(s): I will, God being my helper.**

**One**: Will you share *your* faith with your child, growing with him or her faith, hope and love; and will you encourage him or her by your words and actions?

**Parent(s): I will, God being my helper.**

**One:** Will you encourage your child to renew these baptismal vows through

Confirmation when he or she is ready?

**Parent(s): I will, God being my helper.**

Godparents’ Promise: (optional)

**One:**  You have been asked by these parents to play a special role in the life of

their child. Will you pray for your godchild and take care that he or she may

learn and live in faith?

**Godparent(s): I will, God being my helper.**

Congregation’s Promise:

**One**: Let us rise as we able and pledge to these persons our support and care:

**All: As a baptized and baptizing people, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith. May God grant us all grace to live out our baptismal promise!**

**Prayer over the water and Baptism**

**Gracious and Holy God, Mother and Father of us all, we bless you for the gift of life and within it, the gift of water.**

We recall how your Spirit hovered over creation’s unshaped waters and how, by water comes the growth of earth.

It was through water that you led the children of Israel to freedom. It was in the waters of the Jordan, your child, Jesus, was baptized.

Now, may your spirit be upon us and work

through this day’s water to link us with Jesus’ baptism and with Christians in every time and place.

**May what we do here be a sign for all of new life in Christ! Amen.**

Action of Baptism:

**Minister:** What is the name of this child?

(child’s name), we baptize you in the name of

the Father,

the Son and

the Holy Spirit.

(child’s name), may the Holy Spirit, love’s power, guide you, inspire you and work within you all the days of your life.

(child’s name), may the blessing of the one God, Father and Mother of us all, be with you today and always and you walk in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen

**Worship Committee** (candle & certificate)

As this candle burns for you today, Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God!

**Minister**: In the name of Jesus Christ, I now declare that (child’s name), has been received into the Holy Catholic Church, the church universal, and welcomed into this household of faith: St. David’s United Church.

We are inheritors of God’s promise.

Let us *Welcome In* and *Reach Out,*

with the Spirit’s love and guidance!

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**Reading from Scripture:**

Psalm 111 VU 833, with Sung Refrain

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Ephesians 5: 15-20 from the Message

Don’t waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness. Expose these things for the sham they are. It’s a scandal when people waste their lives on things they must do in the darkness where no one will see. Rip the cover off those frauds and see how attractive they look in the light of Christ.

Wake up from your sleep,  
Climb out of your coffins;  
Christ will show you the light!

So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times!

Don’t live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants.

Don’t drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge drafts of him. Sing hymns instead of drinking songs! Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ.

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We respond:

In ages past, disciples, prophets, priests and historians wrote down their faith.

**This is a faithful witness of our ancestors.**

Word of God for us today.

**Thanks be to God.**

Pulpit

**Sermon** *Prayers for Depth and Breadth*

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**Hymn: MV 12** *Come Touch Our Hearts* **(verses one to four)**

Center

Pulpit

**Prayer over offering**

Creator of our hearts, Christ of our lives, Spirit of each moment—

we aren’t very good at bending our knee, recognizing we have nothing without your gifts but we know, God of all, that we are yours, heart, mind, and soul,

to love and protect, and cherish and challenge.

Guide us, O God, as we live our part and give our generous portion for you.

In Christ’s name, bless these gifts, we ask it. Amen.

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**DOXOLOGY MV 79** *Spirit, Open My Heart* **chorus only, sing twice**

Pulpit

**Prayer of the People**

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**The Lord’s Prayer** Colin Arrangement

**Hymn: VU 236** *Now Thank We All Our God*

**Commissioning**

As you return to the world, know that God remembers you,

God gathers and upholds you, and God sends you out as evangelists.

**We go to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbours,**

**by word and by example.**

Post Service Slides

**Postlude (Colin Boneau)**

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