

# Welcome to St. David's United Church

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

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Presiding – Amy Haynes

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*We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith*

**PRELUDE**          *Piano*                          *Garrett*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**          *We Are Not Alone*                          *Pepper Choplin*  
   *Soloist – Dana Young*

**WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**SILENCE CENTERING**

**HYMN**                          *Like a Healing Stream*                          *MV #144*  
*Like a healing stream in a barren desert,  
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,  
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,  
Promising revival and rebirth like a healing stream.*

*Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,  
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,  
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,  
Yearning for an end to want and need  
Like a gentle rain.*

*Like a river strong with a restless current,  
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,  
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,  
Calling for an end to hate and war like a river strong.*

*Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,  
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,  
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow;  
God will always challenge and provide!  
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,  
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

## **CONTEMPORARY READING**

Excerpt from Howard Thurman's 'Deep is the Hunger' published in 1951

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

## **REFLECTION**

### **HYMN**

*Blessed Assurance*

*VU #337*

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.  
    This is my story, this is my song,  
    praising my Saviour all the day long;  
    this is my story, this is my song,  
    praising my Saviour all the day long.
  
- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R
  
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## THE PRAYER OF JESUS

### The Disciple's Prayer

Mother of us all, who dwells within and beyond,  
Sacred is your name.

May your holy vision for collective flourishing  
come to fruition among us.

May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection  
be en fleshed on earth.

Provide us today with what we need to be  
nourished in body, soul, and heart.

Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive  
those who have harmed us.

Lead us away from everything that destroys and  
liberate us from the hands of evil.

For you are the ultimate source of hope.

Your power-with exceeds all power-over.

Your presence incites eternal wonder.

All praise to you, our comfort and strength.

Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*When We Are Living*

VU #581

- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 3 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

4 Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

**BLESSING**

**SUNG BLESSING**     *By God's Hand*             *John Parker & Joel Raney*

**POSTLUDE**     *Improvisation*

**MUSIC PROVIDED BY**  
Sanctuary Choir  
**Accompanist:** Bruce Clark  
**Pianist:** Garrett Krause