

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

We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME (Intro, Candles, etc)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The sun rises pink over the horizon,

no matter the state of hope in our hearts.

The leaves glow golden and release last season,

no matter what we cling to.

Birthing pangs roll through a body,

no matter if we are ready to bear down and push for new life.

This is how God is -- She renews, He releases,

They midwife the world to come.

Let us worship God.

THE PASSING OF PEACE

OPENING PRAYER

Compassionate One, in the place we feel most tender, be near. Do not let us harden our hearts to our own grief. Meet us in the midst, O God. In the

comfort of your embrace, teach us how to tend gently to our own pain and that of others. Amen.

HYMN

Hope of the World

VU #215

- 1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion,
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
save us, your people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

- 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let your Spirit unto us be given
to heal earth's wounds and end its bitter strife.

- 3 Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light;
walk now beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from you to endless night.

- 4 Hope of the world, who by your cross has saved us
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
we render back the love your mercy gave us;
take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.

- 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
who by this sign has conquered grief and pain,
we would be faithful to your gospel glorious.
You are our Lord! You shall forever reign.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Refrain for All: "Deliver us, O God."

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Daniel 12:1-3 (Inclusive Bible)

“At that time, Michael, the great chieftain who stands guard over your people, will stand up---and there will follow a time of great suffering, the likes of which has never been known from the founding of the nation until that moment. When that time comes, your people will be rescued, every one whose name is written in the Scroll;

and those who lie sleeping in the dust will rise up, some to life everlasting and some to the reproach of eternal torment. The wise will shine like the bright heavens, and the leaders of justice like the stars forever more....”

Psalm 16 (*read and sung*)

VU p. 738

Psalm 16

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Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I have said to God, 'You are my God;
from you alone comes all my prosperity.'

**All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land,
and in those who excel in virtue.**

But as for those who run after other gods,
their troubles shall be multiplied.

**Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods,
nor will I take their names upon my lips. R**

You, God, are my allotted portion and my cup;
you yourself have cast my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed I have a noble heritage.

I will thank you, God, for giving me counsel;
at night also you teach my heart.

I keep you always before me;
**you are on my right hand,
therefore I shall not fall. R**

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
for my body shall also rest in safety.

**For you will not surrender me to the Grave,
nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.**

You will show me the path of life.

**In your presence is fullness of joy;
and from your right hand flow delights
for evermore. R**

Thou, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name.
leave us, not, O lord our God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN *Bread for the Journey*

MV # 202

Bread for the journey, food for the way.
Cup of God's blessing, tomorrow, today.

SECOND READING Mark 13:1-8

REFLECTION Amy Haynes

ANTHEM *Peace I Leave With You*

by Amy Beach

READING Life Doesn't Frighten Me At All by Maya Angelou

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

PRAYER OF JESUS

VU #959

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom and power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Lead On O Cloud of Presence

VU #421

- 1 Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
 In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
 Our slavery left behind us,
 new hopes within us grow.
 We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

- 2 Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
 but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
 We are not lost, though wandering,
 for by your light we come,
 and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

- 3 Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
 and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
 We pray our sons and daughters
 may journey to that land
 where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION (spoken & sung) *God Is Our Refuge - Mozart*

POSTLUDE