

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH  
February 13, 2022



*Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an  
Affirming and Inclusive community*

# Welcome to St. David's United Church

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Presiding: Amy Haynes

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*We gather in faith as a Christ-infused church*

*(Welcome to worship today. Whether you are worshipping with us today for the first time or you have been here for longer than you can remember, you are welcome to be here and to participate however you feel comfortable. 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 sacred space. God welcomes each of us to worship.)*

## **SEED OF MEDITATION**

*"God is not interested merely in the freedom of black [people] and brown [people] and yellow [people]. God is interested in the freedom of the whole human race and in the creation of a society where all [people] can live together as [siblings], where everyone will respect the dignity and the worth of human personality."*

*-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Andante With Variations*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

## **WELCOME**

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Into the held embrace of God, our Creator and Sustainer:

**Let the weary, come.**

Let the persecuted and the oppressed, the hungry and the exiled, come.

**Let the brokenhearted, the lonely, the guilty, come.**

Blessed are we when we receive one another.

**Sacred is life when it is shared together.**

Thanks be to God who gathers us in.

## **VIDEO**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Wild and wondrous God,  
Creator of all  
Spirit of life and love and liberation  
Mother and Lover and Conspirator and Friend  
Tender tender of possibility and dream

You have called us together, in this time, and this place  
and so, here we are:  
full of wisdom and wondering  
full of hope and fear  
weariness and longing  
passion and pain  
Unleash your wild power in us, we pray  
Deepen our connection with You and with each other  
Deepen our capacity to hear the voices of those too often silenced,  
to honour the presence of those too often erased,  
to center the wisdoms of those too often pushed to the margins,  
That we might bear witness to the complex truths of our wholly holy lives  
and the complex needs of your beautiful, broken world. So come, Spirit. Come.  
Convict us with curiosity. Convert us from complacency. Consecrate us with  
compassion.  
Conspire with us, as we lean into the New Life emerging from the destruction  
around us. Amen.

## **OPENING HYMN**            *God Weeps*

*MV #78*

*God weeps at love withheld,  
At strength misused,  
At children's innocence abused,  
And till we change the way we love,  
God weeps.*

*God bleeds at anger's fist,  
At trust betrayed,  
At women battered and afraid,  
And till we change the way we win,  
God bleeds.*

*God cries at hungry mouths,  
At running sores,  
At creatures dying without cause,  
And till we change the way we care,  
God cries.*

*God waits for stones to melt,  
For peace to seed,*

*For hearts to hold each other's need,  
And till we understand the Christ,  
God waits.*

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 1, Luke 6:17-26;

**SUNG REFRAIN** Great Amen MV #205  
*Amen, amen, O Holy One!  
Hosanna and Amen!  
Amen, amen, O Holy One,  
Hosana and Amen!*

**REFLECTION**

**ANTHEM** Deep River Spiritual/arr. Sam Davis

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH TEACHING**

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**OFFERTORY/PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM** Go Not Far From Me, O God Niccolo Antonio Zingarelli

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER** VU #959

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

