

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany



Black History Month

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

Welcome to St. David's United Church

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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

"We are the theologians; in our living, in our thinking, and in our doing. The questions we ask and how they propel us to live is paramount to our expression of faith. We must live as if we are empowered to radically shift the world because, in Christ, we are."

-Amy Haynes

PRELUDE

Improvisation

WELCOME AND GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

FOCUSING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

**All you brokenhearted and bereaved,
You joyful and well-rested,
You overwhelmed and overworked, come.**

**All you disappointed and desperate,
You playful and delighted,
You angry and over it, come.**

No matter the weather of our hearts, this day is sacred.
Let us worship God, Love that Never Ceases.

VIDEO

OPENING PRAYER (Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Grace)

Today in our worship, we recognize Black History Month: people of African Descent and lament anti-Black racism and violence. We celebrate the richness of gifts given to us in this church and this country by Black people.

We pray that the Spirit will reorient us:

challenging us to live by grace rather than entitlement; expecting us to be a blessing to the earth.

We pray that by acknowledging our brokenness, we will be closer to becoming a church where the good news is lived out:

**faith nurtured and hearts comforted,
gifts shared for the good of all,
resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,
fierce love in the face of violence,
human dignity defended,
members of a community held and inspired by God.**

Through our tears and silent confessions, may we witness to your love and grace.

[time of silence]

Creator is our refuge and home.

Spirit is our strength and center.

Jesus walks with us and is a very present help.

God has always been and always will be, our very present help.

Living God, so many are tired of being tired. We feel the onslaught of demands and bear witness to injustice while our inner and outer resources diminish. We struggle in the nets of systemic domination we are tangled in. Untangle our minds and spirits that we may move in your spacious freedom and ease into your mysterious peace.

In knowing such peace, may we share it. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

*Will You Come and Follow Me
(The Summons)*

VU #567

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind

and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

READINGS Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13), Luke 5:1-11

REFLECTION

HYMN *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

VU #563

1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.
O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

- 2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour. R
- 3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. R
- 4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R

SANKOFA TEACHING

ANTHEM *A Shelter in the Time of Storm* *Vernon J. Charlesworth, Ira
D. Sankey, & Patti Drennan*

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING

HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* VU #509
 (I the Lord of Sea and Sky)

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.
- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Improvisation*

**THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY
WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Music.....Sanctuary Choir
Accompanist.....Garrett Krause