

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 22, 2022

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WORDS TO PONDER

There are actually very few coincidences in life

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let all the people join in praise to God, whose face
shines on us in our darkness.

People: God is gracious to us and blesses us; let all the
ends of the earth fear God.

Leader: Make known the ways of God through every land.

People: God judges with equity and guides us.

Unison: Let everyone be glad and sing for joy.

OPENING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"

#473 NCH

CALL TO CONFESSION

We whose ways have often denied the faith we profess
come to the Ruler of the universe to find renewed integrity.
We who insist on our own way open ourselves to the
correcting inclusiveness of our Savior. Let us confess our
individual and corporate sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, forgive our pretensions to righteousness through rigid laws that restrict and divide rather than help people to grow. Forgive the arrogance that puts others down and presumes our superiority. Forgive our wayward pursuit of selfish pleasure and our unfaithfulness to You and one another. Hear our pleas for your mercy and forgiveness.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Holy Spirit comes to cleanse and make whole, to lift burdens from our shoulders, to bring to our remembrance all that God teaches us. In Christ we receive God's peace, a peace that the world cannot give. Let not our hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 67, John 14:23–29, Acts 16:9–15

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "Coincidence or Divine Providence?"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not

into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

CLOSING HYMN: "Shall We Gather at the River" #597 NCH

THE APOSTLES' CREED #881 Black

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Leader: Return to home and work and play with a new vision of what life is intended to be.

Unison: Let us live with one accord as Jesus' disciples, willing to risk all in faithful obedience.