

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

May 29, 2022

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WORDS TO PONDER

It is our shared love for Christ that gives us oneness.

PRELUDE: *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us cease wars of inner self, family, and nation.

People: May we all be one.

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People: May we all be one.

Unison: Let us concentrate on building bonds that bring our world together so we will all be one in spirit.

OPENING HYMN: *"All Creatures of Our God & King"* #15 Red

CALL TO CONFESSION

We do not often identify ourselves among the lawless or wicked or adversaries of God. Yet, under the veneer of respectability, we are often found in that company. Let us admit to God and to one another that we are far from realizing the potential God has entrusted to us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most High God, we confess that we have used others for our own gain. We benefit from the labors of many who are exploited and impoverished. We resist the rule of love and turn away from those who cry for help. We seek to settle differences with weapons of war rather than work for the unity You intend for Your children. Take our misplaced loyalties and turn them around, so we serve Your purposes instead of our own. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The love of God in Christ comes to us, transforming the way we look at our surroundings and at other people. Receive the gift of forgiveness, that you and your household may know salvation through Christ.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 97, John 17

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: *"One in Christ"*

TIME OF ANOINTING

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:** "Ask Ye What Great Thing ..." #239 Red

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** #881 Black

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

Leader: The world needs your work for unity and peace; go out proclaiming the good news of Christ.

Unison: We have known the love of God, and that love sends us forth to serve.

*Indicates those who are able please stand