



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reading: Judy Killaby

Pianist: Sharon Veer

Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection:

*Oh God, may my mind never become closed by belief
but may it always be open*

to the surprise of you,

to the newness of you,

to the woosh of wonder that comes

with the discovery of you in unexpected places.

- Joy Cowley, Aotearoa, New Zealand

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Centering Hymn: VU #412 This is the Day (*verses 1 & 2*)
(*please stand as you are able*)

Call to Worship

ONE: In the Easter newness and resurrection of this season,

ALL: there is hope.

ONE: In the Easter freedom and joy of this season,

ALL: there is liberation.

ONE: In the Easter allelulias and amens of this season,

ALL: there is grace.

ONE: Christ lives.

ALL: Alleluia. Amen.

From: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 192.

Worship Schedule

May 7	All Things in Common	- Rev. Annette Taylor - followed by potluck lunch
May 14	St. Andrew's College	- Rev. Lorne Calvert
May 21	The Great Gardener	- Norma Hain
May 28	Graduation Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor - with communion

Recent Events:

Tuesday, April 25 – Mildred Orr Funeral Service officiated by
Shirley Wilson

Caring For Those in Need Due to Extreme Hunger



Hunger and starvation is the world's failure to give priority to the well-being of all people. Our response to the extreme hunger faced by people in parts of Africa and the Middle East is an answer to God's call to care for those in need.

Your donations to the Extreme Hunger Appeal help ACT Alliance (ACT), one of the United Church's long-term Mission & Service partners, provide a wide range of life-saving assistance to people and communities affected on the ground. ACT is providing much-needed assistance, including food, water, sanitation, hygiene facilities and services, education and psychosocial support, as well as help with maintaining farms and livestock.

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Opening Hymn: VU #345 Come Children, Join to Sing
(please stand as you are able)

Morning Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus
There are times, Holy Mystery,
that we wish we could see your face,
that we wish we could touch your hands,
that we wish we could feel your embrace.
May we be reminded that we do see you,
touch you, and feel you,
in every gaze, handshake and embrace we share.
In this place and time,
in all places and times.

Adapted from: Richard Bott, *Gathering Lent/Easter 2017*, page 40.

WORD

Hymn: VU #183 We Meet You, O Christ *(verses 1-3)*
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time: - Melanie Davis

Hymn: VU #183 We Meet You, O Christ *(verse 4)*
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35
We read this text so that in it we may find wisdom for life.
May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.

Reflection: Recognizing Christ

Choral Offering: Pilgrims
Walter Farquharsen/Ron Klusmeier

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Camp Caterpillar

Offering

Offertory Hymn: MV #191 What Can I Do?
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication:
God of New Life,
we offer these gifts of gratitude
for hope returned,
for the mystery of your grace,
and for the promise of resurrection. Amen.

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 197.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #352 I Danced in the Morning
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #958 Halle, Halle, Halle
(sung at least three times)

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for May 7, 2017:

Acts 2 :42-47
Psalm 23 (VU pp. 747-749)
1 Peter 2 :19-23
Luke 10 :1-10

Worship Service
TODAY, April 30th
Prairie View Lodge at 3pm
Led by our Youth Group
Come and Join in the Singing!