



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

August 13, 2017

10th after Pentecost

Leading Worship: Norma Hain

Reading: Jacqueline Ravino

Pianist: Joan Williamson

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

Be kind; be loyal; be tolerant; be open; be honest; be thoughtful; be silly; be serious; be a friend.

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Celebrate the Light/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: The More We Get Together *sing twice*
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship: "Today" *(we will sing the Call to Worship)*

Opening Hymn: Vive la Compagnie
(please stand as you are able)

Gathering Prayer: (in unison)
Source of all Being, may the faith and hope and love that abides in me be reinforced in all my friendships and all my relationships. May I share my life with those who are close to my heart whether they be near at hand or far afield. May my friendship with Spirit be strengthened through my sharing of all my sorrows and trials and all my joys and celebrations. In all that I experience, I give thanks for this life of mine, Amen. *(N.J. Hain)*

Sending Forth and Blessing

Bless each of us as we are, unique and full of life's gifts.

Bless our friendships and all of our relationships with creation.

Bless us as we go out boldly into the world, not knowing what tomorrow may bring.

And Bless our striving to share with others the good news of the Way, as revealed to us by Jesus. *(N.J. Hain)*

Choral Closing: Go Now in Peace *(sung twice)*

Postlude

**A warm welcome to all
who are worshipping with us today!**

If this is your first time with us,
please be sure to sign one of our guest books.

Summer Worship Schedule

Aug 20	Joseph & His Brothers	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Aug 27	Baby in a Basket	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Sep 3	The Burning Bush	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Sep 10	Welcome Back Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Lectionary Readings for August 20, 2017

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133 (VU p. 856)

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Hymn and Morning Prayer: Kum ba yah

The Lord's Prayer VU 916 the Paraphrase

WORD

Hymn: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy (*verses 1 & 2*)
(*please remain seated*)

Community Learning Time

Hymn: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy (*verse 3*)
(*please remain seated*)

Scripture Readings:

In the Apocrypha: Sirach 6: 5-17
Sirach 22: 19-22
In the New Testament: 1 Corinthians 13:13
John 15: 12-17

ONE: We read these texts so that in them we may find wisdom for life.
ALL: May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.

Reflection: Friends

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth
(*please stand as you are able*)

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Chaplaincy in Kingston

Invitation to the Offering

Daily, we receive the gifts of the world. Let us give with thanks to the work of this community. Our offering will now be received.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: Magic Penny
(*please stand as you are able*)

Prayer of Dedication:

From you we receive and to you we give our gifts as varied as they are. Use us for the Great Work. Amen

Prayers of the People - seated (Adapted *From Answered Prayers, Love Letters from the Divine by Julia Cameron*)

You are a story with no listener. You are lonely, longing to share your tale. Pay attention to what I say. I am the Great Listener. I am your Friend unconditionally. I long to hear your thoughts and feelings. I am hungry to hear your heart. Bring me the small stories you have noticed. Bring me the grand adventures you have endured. Your life is the story I like best. Share your life with me.

Allow me to be your witness. Allow me to be your listening ear. Do not censor what you tell me. Bring me everything. I am hungry for it all. I love the stories that you tell. You surprise and delight me. Your actions fascinate me. You are the focus of my heart, my favourite story unfolding.

Do not be afraid that you bore me. I made you. Nothing about you is boring to me. Do not be afraid that you tire me. I am tireless and always ready to listen. Find your voice. Clear your throat and speak to me easily. I am enchanted by you and all that you tell. Your words are more precious to me than all your coins. Your thoughts are more valued than any jewels. Tell me your story. Unspool for me your lovely heart.

(*Moment of Silent Prayer.....*)

Hear my prayers Holy One, Faithful Friend.
May I open my heart and mind and listen to your loving voice.
Amen

Closing Hymn: Joy is Like the Rain

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Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Wednesday, August 16 – Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Thursday, August 17 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

Please Note:

- Annette will be away on vacation August 5 to August 18.
- Lectionary Bible will be cancelled August 2, 9 and 16

United Church Women's Retreat, August 26-28, 2017 at Camp Tapawingo, Candle Lake; Cost \$30. Theme "Take Time to Be Holy" meals, cabins, workshops all included. Golfing available at \$32.50. More info - contact Donna Barber 773-6081.

Sunday School and Youth Group have now ended for the season; however, we will have **babysitting available** throughout the summer. Your children can leave the sanctuary after the Community Learning Time and enjoy supervised play. Children and youth are also welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. There is a colouring table at the front of the worship space and a small nursery is available just outside the sanctuary where you can hear what is happening in worship