



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

August 20, 2017

Joseph & His Brothers

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reading: Jaclyn Reaves Jacobson

Pianist: Mary Anderson

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*“The cure for all the ills and wrongs,
the cares, the sorrows and crimes of humanity,
all lie in that one word “love”.
It is the divine vitality that produces and restores life.
To each and everyone one of us
it gives the power of working miracles, if we will.”
- Lydia M. Child (1802-1880)*

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: VU #381 Spirit of Life
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: We have gathered to worship God.

**ALL: We have come seeking comfort,
inspiration, community, and insight.**

ONE: We have come to open ourselves
to the power of God’s presence in our midst.

**ALL: We have come to offer up the seasons
and the turnings in our lives,
and to ask God’s help in our learning
and in our growing.**

From: *Celebrate God’s Presence*, pg. 21.

Summer Worship Schedule

A Journey through Genesis

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
Sep 17	Crossing the Sea	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Remit Results –

a letter from Nora Sanders, UCC General Secretary

Greetings from the General Council Office.

I am writing to let you know of the voting results for Remits 1 to 4.

All four remits were approved by a majority of the 84 voting presbyteries and 2,136 voting pastoral charges of the United Church.

Remit 1: Three Council Model

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral charges: Yes: 1,672 No: 222

Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral charges: Yes: 1,792 No: 89

Remit 3: Office of Vocation

Presbyteries: Yes: 69 No: 12

Pastoral charges: Yes: 1,681 No: 190

Remit 4: Funding a New Model

Presbyteries: Yes: 70 No: 12

Pastoral charges: Yes: 1,472 No: 398

There is one final step in the remit process to be taken by the 43rd General Council when it meets in July 2018. We will now be working to be ready for that prospect.

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Opening Hymn: MV #28 God of the Bible
(please stand as you are able)

Morning Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

**Holy Mystery, Essence of Love,
your desire for us
calls us and equips us.**

**Your love for us
gifts us and encourages us.**

**Far deeper than any regret of ours
is the amazing grace
with which you hold us.**

**May we be blessed with the comfort
of your presence
and filled with the healing energy
of your spirit.**

Adapted from: Daryl Webber, *Gathering Pentecost 1* 2017, page 31.

WORD

Hymn: VU #365 Jesus Loves Me *(verses 1, 2 & 3)*
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time

Hymn: VU #365 Jesus Loves Me *(1st verse again)*
(please remain seated)

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 45:1-15

ONE: We read this text so that in it we may find wisdom for life.

ALL: **May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.**

Reflection: Joseph & His Brothers

Hymn: VU #266 Amazing Grace
(please stand as you are able)

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Paying it Forward!

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #540 Grant us, God, the Grace
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication:

We bring our gifts to you, God.

Here is the work of our hands,

and here is the love of our hearts.

May they be accepted and used

in your work of peace and justice. Amen

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 50.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #574 Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #649 Walk with Me *(refrain 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.

Lectionary Readings for August 27, 2017

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124 (VU p.848)

Romans 12 :1-8

Matthew 16 :13-20

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Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Tuesday, August 22 – Affirming Ministry, 4:30 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Tuesday, August 22 – Stewardship, 7:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, August 23 – Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, August 23 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Thursday, August 24 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Thursday, August 24 - Faith Formation, 4:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Sunday, August 27 – Worship & Music, 12:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.

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