



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

August 27, 2017

### Baby in a Basket

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reading: James Jacobson

Pianist: Mary Anderson

Organist: Patti McCleary

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection

*"The Spirit of God, the Spirit that calls us the Beloved,  
is the Spirit that unites and makes whole.*

*There is no clearer way to discern the presence of God's Spirit  
than to identify the moments of unification, healing,  
restoration, and reconciliation."*

- Henri Nouwen

#### 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 come to give thanks for the Spirit that draws  
us together.

**ALL: for the fresh breeze of summer,  
the rain that nourishes new life,  
the warmth of the sun that gives health to our living;**

ONE: for holidays and holy days, for friends and family,  
for a world at play;

**ALL: and for the faith that reminds us of the precious  
quality of life.**

ONE: We celebrate the presence of God in all things.

**ALL: We come to pray, to sing, to worship.**

Adapted from: John Griffith, *Worship for All Seasons II*, page 196.

## Worship Schedule

Sept 3	The Burning Bush	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Sept 10	Welcome Back Sunday - with potluck lunch	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Sept 17	Crossing the Sea	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Sept 24	Food in the Wilderness	- Rev. Annette Taylor

### Recent Events

August 24, 2017 - Valarie Wurmlinger Memorial Service

## 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.

[Read More](#)

**Opening Hymn: VU #380 She Comes Sailing on the Wind**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

**Morning Prayer and Jesus' Prayer**

**Holy Mystery, Breath of Life**  
come into our gathering and bless us in our worship.  
Where there is boredom, bring excitement.  
Where there is doubt, bring faith.  
Where there is despair, bring hope.  
When we wish to hang back, bring a sense of adventure.  
For we seek renewal only you can bring –  
to our lives, our church, and our world.

Adapted from: Jeeva Sam, *Worship for All Seasons II*, page 198.

**WORD**

**Hymn: MV #163 River Running in You and Me** *(verses 1 to 5)*  
*(please remain seated)*

**Community Learning Time**

**Hymn: MV #163 River Running in You and Me** *(verses 6 & 7)*  
*(please remain seated)*

**Scripture Readings:**

Exodus 1:8-20

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: Pulled Out of the Water**

**Hymn: MV #165 There is a Time**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

**RESPONSE**

**Minute for Mission: Bissell Centre and Childcare**

**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: MV #138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Closing: VU #649 Walk with Me** *(refrain sung twice)*

**Postlude**

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**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 September 3, 2017**

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105 :1-6,23-26, 45c (VU pp. 828-829 Parts One & Three)

Romans 12 :9-21

Matthew 16 :21-28

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### Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Sunday, August 27 – Worship & Music, 12:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Tuesday, August 29 – Council Executive, 5:15 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, August 30 – Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, August 30 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Thursday, August 30 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Thursday, August 30 – Church Council, 7:00 p.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

Sunday School and Youth Group have 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.