



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
February 12, 2017

6th Sunday of Epiphany

Leading Worship: Peggy Worrell
Reading: Becky Lawn
Pianist: Joan Williamson

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection:

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
"What are you doing for others?" Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: MV #14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

God, you taught our ancestors to sing while in a foreign land.
Through music, you taught Black people to persevere and trust in you, even as their hearts and bodies were broken.
Your power, God, moved through our ancestors,
as the rhythm and cadence of music moves through our bodies.
**There would be no Underground Railroad or Civil Rights Movement without songs,
and there would be no songs without you.**

Opening Hymn: MV #2 Come All You People (2x)
(please stand as you are able)

Morning Prayer & Jesus' Prayer

Worship Schedule

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| February 19 | Living the Holy Life | - Rev. Annette Taylor |
| February 26 | Transfiguration (Potluck Lunch & AGM) | - Rev. Annette Taylor |
| March 5 | Lent One – La La Land | - Rev. Annette Taylor |
| March 12 | Lent Two - Moonlight | - Rev. Annette Taylor |

A big **“Thank you”** to the many people who participated or helped in our successful Outreach Silent Auction and Supper on Saturday, January 28, 2017.

We served supper for 134 people and 116 auctions items were donated by local businesses and people from our congregation. This year, our profits were donated to Dorie's House and to the Etmehs, our Syrian refugee family.

Profit Summary:

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| Auction sales: | \$2997.50 (split 50/50) |
| Supper income: | \$1124.26 |
| Less supper expenses: | \$541.16 |
| Supper net income: | \$ 583.10 (split 50/50) |
| Donations collected for Dorie's House: | \$ 722.50 |
| Donations collected for the Etmehs: | \$ 972.50 |
| Total donations to Dorie's House: | \$2512.80 |
| Total donations to Etmehs: | \$2762.80 |

WORD

Hymn: VU #577 I've Got Peace Like a River
(verses 1-3) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: VU #577 I've Got Peace Like a River
(verse 3) (please remain seated)

Reading: James 2:1–10, 14–17

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: Black History in Song

Choral Offering: (The 1800's)
Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray, Harry Burleigh

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Black History Month

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #585 Jesus Bids us Shine (verse 1)
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication:

God of grace,
it is our delight and our devotion
to give these gifts to you.
Accept this joyful offering
as a token of our abiding love.
Use it to bring peace, justice
and comfort to the world, Amen.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #716 My Life Flows On
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #220 Hope Shines as the Solitary Star

Postlude

Service adapted from “Black History in Song” by Alydia Smith
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/black/index.asp>: info on
Black history in Canada

Lectionary Readings for February 19, 2017:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40 (VU p. 839 Part Three)
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

The World Day of Prayer will be held on
Friday, March 3, 2017
at 12:05 p.m. at St. Stephen's Anglican Church
108 - 2nd Ave. N.E.