



FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Swift Current, SK

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Leading Worship: Norma Hain
Reading: Eva Molyneux
Pianist: Sharon Veer

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*“Everybody talks about a new world in the morning
New world in the morning so they say
Now, I, myself don't talk about a new world in the morning
New world in the morning, that's today.”*
- Roger Whittaker from *New World in the Morning*

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Celebrate the Light/Lighting of the Candles

Centering Hymn: VU #412 This is the Day
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: This is the day and the light of the new year is burning.

ALL: We enter this year with Hope.

ONE: The short days of January are here.

ALL: We enter this month with Joy.

ONE: This Sunday of rest and renewal has come.

ALL: We enter this day with Love.

ONE: The hour of sacred worship is now.

**ALL: We enter this time with Peace and thanksgiving for the
healing salve of the spirit of Christ.**

Worship Schedule

January 8	Epiphany Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
January 15	Following God's Call - Potluck following service	- Rev. Annette Taylor
January 22	Unity in Diversity - Communion	- Rev. Annette Taylor
January 29	Blessed Are	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Lectionary Readings for January 8th - Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (VU p. 790 Parts One & Two)

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

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Opening Hymn: VU #409 Morning has Broken
(please stand as you are able)

Morning Prayer:

Radiant Holy Mystery, you are the source of being.
As the sun gives us light by day just like the first morning; and
as the moon gives us light by night just like the first night,
help us be aware of our own place in creation.
Help us reflect the light in our own special ways and acknowledge
the sacred life spirit of others.
Each day is a new day to renew our purpose and serve each other.
Help us see that we have the opportunity for a new beginning at
any time that we wake up and acknowledge our worth and your
unconditional love and grace. Amen *(N.J. Hain)*

Hymn: VU #585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

WORD

Readings: Hebrew Bible - Psalm 8 VU #732 responsively
Contemporary Readings: Until Today *by Iyanla Vanzant*
The Singing Darkness from the Circle
of Life *by Macrina Wiederkehr*

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

Message: A New Day

Gift of Music: Jackie Ravino

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Opening Doors

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #402 We Are One *(verses 1 & 2)*
(please stand as you are able)

Offertory Prayer: (in unison)

Light of the World we offer our gifts on this New Day in this New
Year. May they support the works of this church and our greater
community. We give thanks for your creation and understand the
responsibility that each of us has to maintain this home we call
earth. We are awake to all of the blessings that we have received
and continue to receive. Amen *(Norma J. Hain)*

Prayers of the People:

ALL: Oh Spirit that dwells within us all, may you be known and
loved. May wisdom direct us and guide us on this day and
every new day. May your compassion fill us until this
world is holy and made whole. May we receive the things
we most need for body and soul. And may we never stray
from our heart's true path.

ONE: Holy one listen to each of us as we pray on this new day in a
new year:

For our world leaders.....

for those who are no longer with us.....

for those who may need our support in the days to come.....

for what is on our hearts at this moment in time.....

SILENT PRAYER

Holy one hear us now and

ALL: Accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do
the work of kindness and justice.

Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: VU #424 May the God of Hope Go With Us

Blessing

May the blessing of the One be upon you.

May this new day and new year inspire you.

May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay.

May the Spirit of Mystery dwell within you.

May you live in joy each day.

Choral Closing: VU #967 Amen

Postlude