



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

January 14, 2018

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reader: Diane Sarson

Pianist: Joan Williamson



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

Holy One, Root of Being,

you are not distant, but within me.

You are the core of my self;

you are the stem and I am the flower.

You are the love from which I radiate.

You are heart and nerve, and I am your flesh.

- Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: VU #96 Will You Come and See the Light

(verses 1 & 4) (please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Before anything was,

ALL: God dreamed of me.

ONE: While in my mother's womb,

ALL: God made me.

ONE: Before I was born,

ALL: God knew me.

ONE: There is no hiding in the dark,

ALL: God's truth shines through.

ONE: Come let us celebrate God's presence in our lives.

Adapted from: *Seasons of the Spirit: Congregational Life*, Advent/
Christmas/Epiphany – 2008/2009. Used with permission

Worship Schedule

Jan 21	Called by the Spirit	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Jan 28	Unclean Spirits - with communion	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Feb 4	Healing Spirit	- To be determined
Feb 11	Transfiguration Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Recent Events

Monday, January 8 - Irwin Reimer Funeral Service

Thursday, January 11 - Lavinia Johnson Funeral Service

Remit Implementation Update



The Remit Implementation Task Group is laying the groundwork for a smooth transition to a new structure and processes.

Information about all the changes underway in the church can be found on the [Remit Implementation](#) web page, along with documents answering frequently asked questions about the remits.

Questions, comments, suggestions, and concerns can be sent to remits@united-church.ca. Sign up [here](#) to receive the Remit Implementation newsletter and stay up to date!

Recent Updates:

[Networks and Clusters](#)

[Funding Our Future](#)

[Input to Boundaries Commission](#)

Opening Hymn: VU #299 Teach Me, God to Wonder
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

**Holy Mystery, we gather here today
just as we are.**

**We cannot pretend to be what we are not,
for you have made us and
know us through and through.**

**In our weakness,
we come with prayers for strength;
in our strength,
we come with prayers of thanksgiving.**

**Open our hearts
that we might pray with honesty,
and await your answers with renewed faith.**

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 29.

WORD

Hymn: MV #131 You, Creator God, Have Searched Me
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #131 You, Creator God, Have Searched Me (verse 1)
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139 (VU page 861)

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: Knowing Ourselves

Choral Offering: Bathe Me in Your Light
- John Oldham / Ron Klusmeier

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Family Resources Close to Home

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #55 In the Bleak Midwinter (verse 4)
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication

**Ever-present God,
with this offering, we present ourselves:
all that we have been,
all that we are,
all that we shall become,
and our resolve to walk in your way.**

Accept us and our offering.

Amen.

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

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: MV #154 Deep in Our Hearts
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #964 Go Now in Peace

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for January 21, 2018

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12 (VU pp. 779-780)

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Meditation on Psalm 139

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You are the love from which I radiate.
 You are heart and nerve, and I am your flesh.

You know my pain; you walk each step;
 you understand my mistakes from the inside.
You are the treasure within me
 I have not yet discovered.
You are Presence itself: here, in this moment
 and at the bottom of the sea:
happy, I am within you;
 depressed, I am still in your heart.

I can't hide from you, who live in my unconscious.
 My awareness is the tip of your iceberg.
I flow from you like light from a flame;
 you create me in each breath.
I do not understand this mystery
 I simply celebrate your grace.

I open my eyes to see;
 I open my heart to receive you.
My life is praise. I sing
 with humility, gratitude and joy.

by
Steve Garnaas-Holmes
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