



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

January 29, 2017

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reading: Sharon Veer

Pianist: Mary Anderson

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

Matthew 5:8 (NRSV)

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

ONE: We are blessed when we hunger for justice and
thirst for reconciliation.

ALL: Our souls are nourished by God's hope and grace.

ONE: We are blessed when we grieve over
the brokenness of the world,

**ALL: choosing, as God does, to be with those
who are weak and powerless.**

ONE: We are blessed when we become God's fools,

ALL: willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy.

ONE: Come, let us worship.

From: *Seasons of the Spirit*TM SeasonsFusion Advent • Christmas • Epiphany
2016–2017, page 144.

Worship Schedule

February 5	Lost and Found	- Jim Worrell
February 12	Black History Month	- Peggy Worrell
February 19	Living the Holy Life	- Rev. Annette Taylor
February 26	Transfiguration (Potluck Lunch & AGM)	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Daily Devotions for Lent:

Parables, Prayers, & Promises



The new United Church Lent book is now available,
[*Parables, Prayers, & Promises: Daily Devotions on Jesus*](#).

Where might you meet Jesus this Lent? How will you follow him?

This book of daily devotions by Martha Martin covers Ash Wednesday to Easter with thoughtful reflections on scripture; honest, relevant anecdotes; prayers; and links to videos, poetry, and song. It includes an illustrated study guide by Trisha Elliott.

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(Lent starts March 1, 2017.)

Opening Hymn: MV #142 A Song Must Rise
(please stand as you are able)

Morning Prayer & Jesus' Prayer

O God,
you turn things upside down,
calling the wise to embrace your folly.
Open us to the vision of your reign on Earth,
and strengthen us to do our part.
Amen.

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WORD

Hymn: Turning the World Upside Down
- by Linnea Good

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: Turning the World Upside Down
- by Linnea Good (please remain seated)

Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

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: Blessed Are...

Choral Offering: Blessed Are the Pure in Heart
*- Words by Mary Kay Beall &
Music by John Carter*

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Quinte Deaf Ministry

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication:

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus
we bring our gifts to you, O God.
Help us to give with them
a ready mind,
a willing spirit, and
a joyful heart.

Amen.

From: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 49.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: MV #120 My Souls Cries Out
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

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

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for February 5, 2017:

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9, (10) (VU p.834)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20