



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

July 16, 2017

Esau & Jacob

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reading: Jim Pratt

Pianist: Mary Anderson

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

“The children grew up.

Esau became a skilled hunter and enjoyed the open country, while the quiet Jacob preferred to stay at home.

Isaac, who especially enjoyed wild game, favored Esau while Rebecca favored Jacob.” (Genesis 25:27-28)

“If parents are the fixed stars in the child's universe, the vaguely understood, distant but constant celestial spheres, siblings are the dazzling, sometimes scorching comets whizzing nearby.” – Alison Gopnik

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: Come into this time of worship knowing that God has called each one of us here.

ALL: We come ready to hear what God has for us.

ONE: Come, knowing that Christ is here beside each and every one of us.

ALL: We come with the assurance of this companionship.

Summer Worship Schedule

A Journey through Genesis

July 23	Jacob's Ladder - with communion	- Rev. Annette Taylor
July 30	Jacob's Weddings	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Aug 6	Feeding the Multitude	- Adele Heise
Aug 13	Stormy Waters	- Norma Hain



[Embracing the Spirit](#) is a United Church of Canada learning network and innovation fund.

It offers funding and support for innovation ideas hatched out of faith communities and communities in ministry.

Here's [another example](#) of how this fund is being used:

[St. Andrew's United Church](#) in Edmonton has opened its arms to the Rwandan community. It has created a welcoming and safe space to support the 3,000 people in Edmonton that have come seeking refuge. The Rwandan community is seeking support in connecting and mentoring, plus finding a space that allows them to keep their culture alive.

Through this work, not only is the Rwandan community finding support and connection, but so is the entire St. Andrew's community. Evidence of that was at the Canada 150 picnic, where they celebrated as one community. This is a pilot, but already there is growing capacity to be in partnership with other community groups.

ONE: Come, to be set free to respond to the Spirit's
work in the world.

ALL: We come equipped for service.

ONE: Come, let us celebrate God's presence.

Adapted from: Catherine Tovell, *Gathering*, Pentecost 1 2017, page 28.

Opening Hymn: VU #226 For the Beauty of the Earth
(please stand as you are able)

Morning Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

Holy Mystery, Ground of our Being,

we give you thanks for the gifts of summer –

**green grass, trees in leaf, flowers in bloom,
the ripening fields and fruits of the garden.**

We give thanks for vacation time,

visits with family and friends and

all that offers new possibilities in our lives.

May this time of worship nurture within us

the faith and hope we need for vital living. Amen.

Adapted from: Helen Smith-McIntyre, *Worship for All Seasons II*, page 197.

WORD

Hymn: MV #154 Deep in Our Hearts *(verses 1 & 2)*
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time

Hymn: MV #154 Deep in Our Hearts *(verses 3 & 4)*
(please remain seated)

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 25:19-24

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: The Birthright

Hymn: VU #556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families
(please stand as you are able)

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: A Home at Last

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #540 Grant us, God, the Grace
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication:

Spirit of Love,

Let us not be fearful about money.

Lead us to be wise and responsible

with all you have given us.

Grow our thankfulness and generosity,

toward your cause of peace and justice.

Bless these offerings and the givers.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Adapted from: Catherine Tovell, *Gathering*, Pentecost 1 2017, page 28.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #679 Let There be Light
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

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

Postlude

**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 July 23 2017

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-12,23-24 (VU p.861)

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Wednesday, July 19 – Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, July 19 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Thursday, July 20 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

Care Home Services

Friday, July 21st

1:45 p.m. – The Meadows

3 p.m. – Cypress House

Come and join in the singing!

Sunday School and Youth Group have now ended; 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