



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

July 23, 2017

Jacob's Ladder

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reading: Stacie Noble-Wiebe

Pianist: Mary Anderson

Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*"Then Jacob woke and said,
'Truly YHWH is in this place and I never knew it!'"*
(Genesis 28: 16)

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: On a hot summer day
in the dust of a city street,

ALL: God is there.

ONE: In a warm summer rain
in the dust of a city street,

ALL: God is there.

ONE: On a beach by the shore
where the water sparkles or the waves roar.

ALL: God is there.

ONE: In an endless sky filled with
stars past counting,

ALL: God is there.

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Summer Worship Schedule

A Journey through Genesis

July 30	Jacob's Weddings	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Aug 6	Feeding the Multitude	- Adele Heise
Aug 13	Friends	- Norma Hain
Aug 20	Joseph & His Brothers	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Wednesday, July 26 – Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, July 26 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Thursday, July 27 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

Recent Events

Tuesday, July 18th - Elmer McCarty Funeral Service

Thursday, July 20th – Joyce Hattum Funeral Service

Sunday School and Youth Group have now ended for the season; 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

ONE: In a car, singing songs,
when the journey's been long,

ALL: God is there.

ONE: Here in this place,

ALL: God is here.

From: Maggie Watts-Hammond, *Gathering* Pentecost 1 2017, page 28.

Opening Hymn: VU #391 God, Reveal Your Presence
(please stand as you are able)

Morning Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

Eternal God,

**We come to you with hungry hearts,
waiting to be filled:**

**with a sense of your presence;
with the touch of your spirit;
with new energy for service.**

Be with us. Touch us.

Empower us as your people. Amen.

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 28.

WORD

Hymn: MV #156 Dance with the Spirit
(please stand as you are able)

Community Learning Time

Hymn: MV #156 Dance with the Spirit *(first verse again)*
(please stand as you are able)

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 28:10-19

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: Jacob's Ladder

Hymn: VU #278 In the Quiet Cure of Evening
(please remain seated)

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: A House of Welcome

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication:

**O God, to those who hunger,
give bread,**

**And to those who have bread,
give the hunger for justice.**

From: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 51.

Celebration of Communion

(with chant: MV #202 Bread for the Journey)

Closing Hymn: VU #288 Great is Thy Faithfulness
(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 30, 2017

Genesis 29 :15-28

Psalms 105 :1-11, 45b (VU p.828 Part One) or Psalm 128

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52