



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

July 9, 2017

### 5<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reading: Karen Messer

Pianist: Joan Williamson

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection

*"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,  
Love like you'll never be hurt,  
Sing like there's nobody listening,  
And live like it's heaven on earth."*  
— William W. Purkey

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Sharing of Peace/Prelude

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Gathering Hymn: VU #382 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**  
*(please remain seated)*

#### Call to Worship

ONE: God knows each of us by name, by character,

**ALL: by our faults, and by our successes,**

ONE: and God calls us out and away from our other pastimes,

**ALL: into relationship, into friendships,  
into love with God and with each other,**

ONE: to uphold and uplift us, to heal us of our shortcomings

**ALL: to make us whole in God's love  
and in the love of neighbour.**

ONE: Come, let us worship God!

Written by: George Allan, *Gathering*, Pentecost 1 2017, page 30.

## Summer Worship Schedule

*A Journey through Genesis*

July 16	Esau & Jacob	- Rev. Annette Taylor
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

#### Recent Events:

Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> - Wedding of Amber MacDonell & Robert Dahl



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 one example of how this fund is being used:

Throughout eight months of the year, the hamlet community of Arkell, Ontario plays host to various runners and local cycling groups. Lacking a public gathering space in the community, many have adopted the front lawn of [Arkell United Church](#) as an informal place to rest and use the garden tap to fill their water bottles. Recognizing this as an opportunity, Arkell United Church is building the "[Sacred Spokes – Bicycle Chapel and Waystation](#)." This 12'x12' covered deck will be a place of respite and gathering for those passing through and those in the community. It will include benches, bulletin boards, bicycle fixing tools, a small sink and garden tap, simple spiritual practice tools, and possibly a mini-free-library.

[Read More](#)

**Opening Hymn: VU #232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

**Morning Prayer and Jesus' Prayer**  
**Ground of our Being, Holy Mystery,**  
**Spirit of Gentleness, Cosmic Christ,**  
**we adore you, whose name is Love.**

**We ask your blessing**  
**for your nature is compassion,**  
**your presence joy;**  
**your Word is truth,**  
**your Spirit goodness;**  
**your holiness is beauty,**  
**your will peace.**

**To love and serve you is perfect freedom.**  
Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 27.

## WORD

**Hymn: MV #89 Love is the Touch** *(verses 1,2 & 3)*  
*(please remain seated)*

## Community Learning Time

**Hymn: MV #89 Love is the Touch** *(verse 4)*  
*(please remain seated)*

## Scripture Readings:

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13

ONE: We read these texts so that in it we may find wisdom for life.  
**ALL: May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.**

**Reflection: And He Loved Her**

**Hymn: VU p.766 As the Deer Pants for the Water**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

## RESPONSE

**Minute for Mission: Thank You to Our Ministers**

## Offering

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

## Prayer of Dedication:

**Let us respond to God as an intimate friend.**  
**from whom we would withhold nothing.**  
**because of the love and regard between us.**  
**Amen.**

Written by: Fern Gibbard, *Gathering*, Pentecost 1 2017, page 37.

## Prayers of the People

**Closing Hymn: VU #506 Take My Life**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

## Commissioning & Benediction

**Choral Closing: Go Now in Peace**  
*- Don Besig & Nancy Price*

## Postlude

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**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 16 2017

Genesis 25 :19-34  
Psalm 119 :105-112 (VU p. 841)  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13 :1-9, 18-23

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### **Upcoming Meetings & Activities**

- Wednesday, July 12 – Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, July 12 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Thursday, July 13 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.

We are looking for people interested in sharing their ideas with or becoming members of the new **Accessibility Working Group** (purpose: to improve the physical accessibility of First United) If you're curious, contact: Stacie Noble-Wiebe ([stacienw@sasktel.net](mailto:stacienw@sasktel.net)) or Larry O'Donnell ([odonnell@sasktel.net](mailto:odonnell@sasktel.net)). Thank you!

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