



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

June 4, 2017

UCW 55th Anniversary Service

Leading Worship: United Church Women

Pianist: Mary Anderson

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection:

Creative Spirit come to us, give vision to the minds you own and fill the hearts that you have made, with gifts whose grace is yours alone. (V.U. P 199)

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: Spirit whispers

ALL: We listen.

ONE: Spirit calls.

ALL: We answer.

ONE: Spirit beckons

ALL: We respond.

ONE: Whisper to us above the confusion of our world.

Call to us amid our noisy busy lives.

Beckon to us as we turn to follow the spirit.

Hear us as we celebrate the presence of the spirit
in our worship.

Opening Hymn: VU #375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

(please stand as you are able)

Worship Schedule

June 11	In the Beginning	- Rev. Annette Taylor
	- Potluck following Worship	
June 18	Aboriginal Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
	- Baptism & Father's Day	
June 25	Refugee Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
	- Celebration of Refugee Sponsorship	
July 2	Canada Day (150 th)	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Recent Events:

Friday, June 2nd - Russell Paul Memorial Service at First U.C.

Prayer Request from partner, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP)



Violence erupted May 23 on the southern island in the Philippines; Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte declared a 60-day period of martial law in Mindanao after gunmen linked to ISIS laid siege to the major city of Marawi. Dansalan College, an educational institution of the UCCP,

was attacked, burned, and 7 personnel taken hostage.

Rev Rannieh Mercado of the UCCP's National Secretariat wrote: "Your standing with us becomes a source of strength and encouragement as we confront this challenge to pursue and witness for peace based on justice."

Please see the [original call for prayers here](#).

On May 27 the UCCP sent an [update requesting our continued prayers](#), noting that seven of their staff remain hostages.

Morning Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

WORD

Hymn: Place in the Choir (*verses 1 & 2*)
(*please remain seated*)

Community Learning Time

Melanie Davis

Hymn: Place in the Choir (*verses 3 & 4*)
(*please remain seated*)

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11

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: Celebrating Spirit

Choral Offering: Spirit Wind Among Us
Charlotte Lee/Douglas Wagner

RESPONSE

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication:

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our gifts today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along the way. Amen

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #376 Spirit of the Living God
(*please stand as you are able*)

Blessing

Choral Closing: MV #30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for June 11, 2017:

Genesis 1 :1-2 :4a

Psalm 8 (VU pp. 730-732)

2 Corinthians 13 :11-13

Matthew 28 :16-20

Annette is Away

Annette is away for a few days of vacation
from June 3rd to 7th.

Please contact the church office,
in the case of a pastoral emergency.

Government Matching Donations to Extreme Hunger Appeal



Your [donations to the United Church's Extreme Hunger Appeal](#) are helping Mission & Service partners [ACT Alliance](#) and the [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#) provide much-needed assistance on the ground in Africa and the Middle East.

On May 29, the Canadian government announced its [Famine Relief Fund](#). All eligible donations to the United Church's Extreme Hunger Appeal made from March 17 to June 30 will be matched, dollar for dollar, by the government ([see more details](#)). Eligible gifts to the United Church must meet the criteria established by the Government of Canada.

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