



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

March 12, 2017

### Lent Two – Moonlight

Leading Worship: Annette Taylor

Reading: Brenda Gruetzner

Pianist: Mary Anderson

Organist: Patti McCleary

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection:

*“I do not understand the mystery of grace –  
only that it meets us where we are and  
does not leave us where it found us.”*

*-- Anne Lamott*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Sharing of Peace/Prelude

#### Lighting of the Candles

#### Centering Hymn: VU #121 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

*(new verse – sung twice) (please remain seated)*

#### Call to Worship

ONE: We are invited into a journey we call Lent.

**ALL: This is a time of repentance, of turning to God.**

ONE: We are invited into a journey we call Lent.

**ALL: This a time of reflection, of listening to the Spirit.**

ONE: We are invited into a journey we call Lent.

**ALL: This is a time of forgiveness, of searching for grace.**

ONE: We are invited into a journey we call Lent.

**ALL: Let us continue our journey together; let us follow Jesus.**

#### Opening Hymn: VU #266 Amazing Grace

*(please stand as you are able)*

## Worship Schedule

*(Lenten Movie Series)*

March 19	Lent Three – Arrival	- Rev. Annette Taylor - Potluck Lunch & Volunteer Appreciation
March 26	Lent Four – Hidden Figures	- Rev. Annette Taylor - with Communion
April 2	Lent Five – Zootopia	- Sunday School & Youth
April 9	Palm Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor

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## Moderator's Lenten Message: Healing Relationships this Lenten Season



When Jesus was asked what's the most important of all the commandments, he said, "Love God with all your heart, your soul, your mind, with everything." And he said, "Love your neighbour as yourself." For Jesus these two are inseparable: love of God and

love of neighbour. They're part of each other.

And so in this season of Lent, as we focus on deepening and healing our relationship with God, it necessarily calls us to look at our relationships with our neighbours. Where is their brokenness that needs mending? And of course there's so much brokenness in our personal relationships as well as our global relationships, which - actually means that there are lots of places that we can begin to bring healing—lots of in-points to make a start at healing those relationships.

[Watch Video](#) and/or [Read Message](#)

## Morning Prayer

Loving God,

we come together in this place to

receive your word,

feel your presence and

ready ourselves to be your servants in the world.

Some of us come needing to forgive another,

others come needing to be forgiven.

We all come knowing that you alone

can infuse us with the peace and grace

to both give and receive forgiveness

because you have first forgiven us.

May we be open to your unconditional love and mercy.

Adapted from: Catherine Tovell, *Gathering*, Lent/Easter 2017, page 30.

Prayer of Jesus – sung version

- music by *Leona Gibney*

## WORD

Hymn: MV #89 Love is the Touch

(verses 1-3) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time

- Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #89 Love is the Touch

(verse 4) (please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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: Moonlight

Choral Offering: God! When Human Bonds are Broken

- Words by Fred Kaan &

Music by Ron Klusmeier

## RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Helping Refugees

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #697 O for a World (verse 2)

(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication:

Ground of our Being,

bles and transform all that we offer:

our limited wealth,

our faltering steps,

our brokenness,

our hope, our risking, our hearts,

that all we are may be used for your service

and that we may be a blessing in your world. Amen

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 157.

Prayers of the People

with sung response: MV #95 How Deep the Peace

Closing Hymn: VU #574 Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #298 When You Walk from Here

(sung twice)

Postlude

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Lectionary Readings for March 19, 2017:

Exodus 17 :1-7

Psalm 95 (VU pp. 814-815)

Romans 5 :1-11

John 4:5-42

## Ministerial Lenten Worship

Eastside Church of God

Thursdays: 12:00 gather for worship; 12:30 lunch together

Date	Presider	Preacher	Lunch
March 16		Bob Capelle	Christ the Redeemer
March 23	Paul Israelson	Annette Taylor	First United
March 30	Linda Hall	Greg Kiel	St. Olaf
April 6	Bryon Bezanson	Joell Haugen	St. Stephen's

Services will be livestreamed at <http://eastsidechurch.ca/podcasts/>

## Lenten Study

*Praying in the Midst of Life*

6 session DVD study on prayer

Beginning Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the church library.

You are welcome to join our group!

You may choose to eat earlier or bring a bag lunch.

### Discussion Titles:

Our Questions about Prayer,

Finding God,

Knowing God's Will,

Praying the Scriptures,

Learning the Breath Prayer and

Retreating at Any Time.

Please leave your name at the office if you are interested.

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