



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

March 25, 2018

### Palm Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reader: Amy Popick

Pianist: Sharon Veer

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection

*To discover your mission and put it into action –  
instead of worrying on the sidelines –  
is to find peace of mind and a heart full of love.*

*- Scilla Elworthy*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Sharing of Peace/Prelude

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Centering Hymn: VU #412 This is the Day** (*verses 1&2*)  
(*please remain seated*)

#### Call to Worship

 (*based on Psalm 118*)

ONE: This is the day that our God has made.

**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

ONE: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

**ALL: May he bring peace in heaven and on earth.**

ONE: Let us join the festal parade leading into Jerusalem

**ALL: and wave our branches as we enter the holy gates.**

#### Opening Hymn: When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming

**MV #128** (*verses 1,2,3,7,8,9*)

(*please stand as you are able*)

## Worship Schedule

Mar 29	Maundy Thursday (7 pm)	- Adele Heise
Mar 30	Good Friday (10:30 am)	- Norma Hain
Apr 1	Easter Sunrise (6:45 am)	- Rev. Annette Taylor & Adele Heise
Apr 1	Easter Sunday (with baptism)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Apr 8	Mission in Kenya	- Sandra Fowler

## Canada-Australia Reconciliation Dialogue



**Moderator leads return visit to Indigenous church in Australia, as part of mutual journey toward self-determination and reconciliation**

In 2016, Moderator Jordan Cantwell proposed a [Dialogue on Reconciliation with the Uniting Church in Australia](#), citing our nations' and churches' similar—yet distinct—histories of colonization and journeys toward self-determination and reconciliation.

In July 2017, [the first phase of the dialogue took place](#), with a visit from the Uniting Church in Australia and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress. It included time with urban Indigenous ministries and the Vancouver School of Theology Native Ministry Consortium; visits to the Regina Indian Industrial School graveyard, Peepeekisis First Nation, and Carry the Kettle First Nation; and participation in the All Native Circle Conference Grand Council and the National Aboriginal Spiritual Gathering. (*continued on back*)

**Opening Prayer and Jesus' Prayer**

**O Holy One,**  
we come prepared to cheer on  
our leader, teacher, and hallowed child of Wisdom  
Jesus, the anointed one.

**Our need is as great today**  
as it was for those ancient pilgrims  
to honour and salute the presence  
of truth and beauty and goodness.

**For we have wandered far from Wisdom,**  
and we find ourselves cheering  
for all the wrong things and all the wrong people.

**Now we join in with this holy procession of hope,**  
that we might look into the heart of Christ  
and see our own sacred heart reflected back,  
empowering us to stay with You,  
and stay with our own deep integrity,  
when the forces of chaos conspire to shake our conviction  
and make peace with an unholy convention.

Adapted from *If Darwin Prayed*, by [Bruce Sanguin](#)

**WORD**

**Hymn: VU #124 He Came Riding on a Donkey** (*verses 1 & 2*)  
(*please remain seated*)

**Community Learning Time** - Melanie Davis

**Hymn: VU #124 He Came Riding on a Donkey** (*verse 3*)  
(*please remain seated*)

**Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11**

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: From the Sidelines**

**Gift of Music: Antiphonal Hosanna**

- G. Alan Smith

**RESPONSE**

**Scripture Reading: Mark 14: 12-26**

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.

**Celebration of Communion** (*chant VU# 466*)

**Closing Hymn: VU #117 Jesus Christ is Waiting**

(*offering will be received during this hymn*)

(*please stand as you are able*)

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Closing: VU #649 Walk with Me** (*sing chorus twice*)

**Postlude**

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**Lectionary Readings for April 1, 2018**

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 118:1-2,14-24 (VU p.837 Parts One, Two & Three)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

*I'll give my heart and soul  
whenever I step on that field and  
even when I'm on the sidelines.  
And at the end of the day,  
that's really all you can ask of someone.*

- Tim Tebow

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The visit was [a time of rich learning](#), where we discovered that we had much in common; that we are all relatives.

In return, a United Church team is visiting Australia, March 11–26. The team, pictured above, is Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and includes youth and young adults; residential school, intergenerational, and 60s scoop survivors; traditional knowledge keepers; community activists; theology students; people in active ministry; and General Council Office staff.

- **Beverly Brown** is from Squamish Nation and Heiltsuk Nation.
- **Jordan Cantwell** is the 42nd Moderator of The UCC
- **Maggie Dieter** is Cree & Executive Minister, Aboriginal Ministries and Indigenous Justice at The UCC.
- **Ronald Wayne (RW) Hoekstra** is a 2-Spirited man born into a Six Nations family from Oshweken (ON) .
- **Kenji Marui** is an ordained minister from London, ON.
- **Nicky McKay** is 19 years old and from Berens River, MB.
- **Sam Miller** values the teachings of her Ancestors and Elders.
- **Dave Moors** lives in Treaty 6 in Saskatoon, SK.
- **Lorna Standingready** is a 73-year-old Cree Kokum (grandmother) originally from Peepeekisis First Nation
- **Mathew Stevens** is of Kanien'kehá:ka heritage from his mother and Irish from his father
- **Sara Stratton** is a settler whose family arrived in Newfoundland from Devon beginning in the 1700s.
- **Alexandra Vancaeyzeele** is a delegate from Toronto

Plans for Australia include meeting with the Human Rights Commissioner; visits to the Wollotuka Institute and the Centre for the History of Violence at the University of Newcastle; a conference on the meeting of Christianity and Indigenous spiritualities; “walking on country” with Indigenous peoples of the Flinders ranges; time with the Uniting Church of Australia Assembly Standing Committee and local churches; and participation in Palm Sunday peace events.

[More Info](#) about the delegates

Follow the group on Twitter ([@JustWatershed](#)) and [Facebook](#).