



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

March 5, 2017

Lent One – La La Land

Leading Worship: Annette Taylor

Reading: Jim Pratt

Pianist: Mary Anderson

Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection:

*Every life is a march from innocence,
through temptation, to virtue or vice.*

– Lyman Abbott

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

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

(verse for 1st Sunday of Lent – 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 self-examination, of looking within.**

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

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

Opening Hymn: VU #115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

(please stand as you are able)

Worship Schedule

(Lenten Movie Series)

March 5	Lent One – La La Land	- Rev. Annette Taylor
March 12	Lent Two – Moonlight	- Rev. Annette Taylor
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

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

As we follow Jesus into the unknown,
may we recognize temptation when it comes;
God of the wilderness,

let it be your bread we eat.

Spirit of Love,

let it be your world we serve and
you alone we worship.

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 151.

Prayer of Jesus – sung version

- music by *Leona Gibney*

WORD

Hymn: VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
(verses 1-3) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time

Hymn: VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
(verse 4) (please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

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: La La Land

Choral Offering: God, Who Calls Us to be Fools
- Words by *Walter Farquharson* &
Music by *Ron Klusmeier*

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #697 O For a World (verse 2)
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication:

Ground of our Being,

bless 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

Closing Hymn: VU #117 Jesus Christ is Waiting
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #298 When You Walk from Here
(sung twice)

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for March 12, 2017:

Genesis 12 :1-4a

Psalm 121 (VU p. 842)

Romans 4 :1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

*Many a dangerous temptation comes to us in gay, fine colours,
that are but skin-deep.*

– *Matthew Henry*

We gain the strength of the temptation we resist.

– *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Ministerial Lenten Worship

Eastside Church of God

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

Date	Presider	Preacher	Lunch
March 9	Dave Smith	Kevin Snyder	
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

Lenten Study

Praying in the Midst of Life

6 session DVD study on prayer

Beginning Wednesday, March 8th

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

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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