



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

May 14, 2017

### St. Andrew's College Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. Lorne Calvert

Reading: Wally Pearson

Pianist: Joan Williamson

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection:

*God, like a bakerwoman,  
 you bring the leaven which causes our hope to rise.  
 With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives.  
 Warm us with your love.  
 Take our common lives and touch them with your grace,  
 that we may nourish hope among humanity.  
 We pray trusting in your name, through Jesus our Christ. Amen.  
 -Ruth Duck, 1992 #587 Voices United*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Sharing of Peace/Prelude

#### Lighting of the Candles

**Gathering Hymn: VU #376 Spirit of the Living God**  
*(please remain seated)*

#### Call to Worship

One: We are not alone.  
 We live in God's world.  
 As once God met us on a hillside, in a garden,  
 in an upper room and along a dusty road:

All: **So God's Spirit meets us now  
 in the breath of spring,  
 in the companionship of friends,  
 in the stillness and song of the sanctuary.**

### Commissioning & Benediction

**Choral Closing: VU #958 Halle, Halle, Halle**  
*(sung at least three times)*

### Postlude

### Worship Schedule

May 21	The Great Gardener	- Norma Hain
May 28	Graduation Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
	- with communion	
June 4	UCW 55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	- First UCW
June 11	In the Beginning	- Rev. Annette Taylor

### Lectionary Readings for May 21, 2017:

Acts 17: 22-31  
 Psalm 66: 8-20 (VU p. 784-785, Parts 2 & 3)  
 1 Peter 3:13-22  
 John 14: 15-21

### Annette is Away

Annette will be away for continuing education  
 from May 14 to 21.  
 She is attending the *Festival of Homiletics*,  
 a preaching conference in San Antonio, Texas.  
 Please contact the church office, in the case of a pastoral emergency.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

One: Let us worship the Spirit of God among us!

**Opening Hymn: VU #559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**Morning Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus**

Spirit of God,

we listen for your still, small voice,  
comforting, guiding, calling.

From the moment we awake  
to face the day ahead,

you are with us,

through good times and bad,

Your presence enough for our needs.

**Spirit of God, we thank and praise you.**

Through the hours of the day,

in our travels and work,

you are with us;

in decisions we must make,

Your wisdom enough for our needs.

**Spirit of God, we thank and praise you.**

In our daily lives you call us

to do justice,

to love kindness,

to walk humbly

and to love our neighbour.

**Spirit of God, we thank and praise you.**

As we lay down to rest

at the end of the day,

you are with us,

as we lay our fears at your feet,

Your peace enough for our needs.

**Spirit of God, we thank and praise you.**

*(Adapted from John Birch, 2016)*

**And we pray as Jesus taught us:**

## WORD

**Hymn: VU #560 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee (vs 1 & 2)**

*(please remain seated)*

**Community Learning Time**

**Hymn: Sanctuary (Tami Pavely)**

- Gary Nicholson, Sarah Siskind, Jill Andrews

**Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 1: 4-9

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: Not A Bullfrog After All**

Rev. Lorne Calvert, Principal, St. Andrew's College

**Choral Offering: Here I Am, Lord**

*Daniel Schutte*

## RESPONSE

**Minute for Mission: A Call to Leadership**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn: MV #191 What Can I Do?**

*(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 life's way. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Wesley Covenant Prayer**

**Closing Hymn: VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

*(please stand as you are able)*