



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

May 7, 2017

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reading: Ken Benson

Pianist: Joan Williamson

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection:

*"If we have no peace,  
it is because we have forgotten  
that we belong to each other."  
— Mother Teresa*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Sharing of Peace/Prelude

#### Lighting of the Candles

**Gathering Hymn: MV #122 This is the Day**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

#### Call to Worship

ONE: This is the day that God has made.

**ALL: We will rejoice and be glad!**

ONE: Let us celebrate God's presence with  
praise and thanksgiving –

**ALL: singing songs of joy to our Maker!**

Adapted from: *Gathering* Lent/Easter 2017, page 38.

**Opening Hymn: VU #158 Christ is Alive**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

### Worship Schedule

May 14	St. Andrew's College	- Rev. Lorne Calvert
May 21	The Great Gardener	- Norma Hain
May 28	Graduation Sunday - with communion	- Rev. Annette Taylor
June 4	UCW 55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	- First UCW

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#### Recent Events:

Tuesday, May 2 – Beth Warder Memorial Service at Warren's Chapel

Wednesday, May 3 – Lyn Oakman Memorial Service at First UC

Saturday, May 6 – Fred Van Vaals Graveside Service

## Caring For Those in Need Due to Extreme Hunger



Hunger and starvation is the world's failure to give priority to the well-being of all people. Our response to the extreme hunger faced by people in parts of Africa and the Middle East is an answer to God's call to care for those in need.

Your donations to the Extreme Hunger Appeal help ACT Alliance (ACT), one of the United Church's long-term Mission & Service partners, provide a wide range of life-saving assistance to people and communities affected on the ground. ACT is providing much-needed assistance, including food, water, sanitation, hygiene facilities and services, education and psychosocial support, as well as help with maintaining farms and livestock.

[Read More](#)

**Morning Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus**  
**Holy Mystery,**  
**You touch our lives with healing and with justice;**  
**new life is your gift.**  
**May this time of worship nourish us**  
**with your promise of meaning and purpose.**  
**May we be empowered to share**  
**your love and abundance with the world.**

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 25.

## WORD

**Hymn: Jesus, When a Child is Hungry** (*verses 1 & 2*)  
*Walter Farquharson/Ron Klusmeier*  
(*please remain seated*)

**Community Learning Time:** - Melanie Davis

**Hymn: Jesus, When a Child is Hungry** (*verses 1 again*)  
(*please remain seated*)

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 2:42-47  
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: All Things in Common**

**Choral Offering: We Will Be a Shelter for Each Other**  
*Tom Long / Allen Pote*

## RESPONSE

**Minute for Mission: Help for Children in Congo**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn: MV #191 What Can I Do?**  
(*please stand as you are able*)

**Prayer of Dedication:**  
**God of New Life,**  
**we offer these gifts of gratitude**  
**for hope returned,**  
**for the mystery of your grace,**  
**and for the promise of resurrection. Amen.**

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 197.

## Prayers of the People

**Closing Hymn: It Takes a Whole Village**  
*- Jim Strathdee*  
(*please stand as you are able*)

## Commissioning & Benediction

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

## Postlude

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## Lectionary Readings for May 14, 2017:

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31 :1-5,15-16 (VU p. 758, Parts 1 & 3)

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

(Note : guest preacher will be using Jeremiah 1 (or some portion of the reading))