



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
October 1, 2017

### World Communion Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor  
Reading: Norma Hain  
Pianist: Joan Williamson

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection

*“When the well runs dry,  
we know the worth of water.”  
- Benjamin Franklin*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Sharing of Peace/Prelude

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Gathering Hymn: MV #14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered**  
*(please remain seated)*

#### Call to Worship

ONE: All who thirst, come to the water

**ALL: and drink deeply of this living stream.**

ONE: Come, all who are weary;

**ALL: come, all who yearn for healing.**

ONE: As the waters of the desert poured from a rock,

**ALL: so the Holy Spirit washes over you and me.**

ONE: Come, let us celebrate God's presence in our lives.

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 124.

**Opening Hymn: MV #87 Water Flowing from the Mountains**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

### Worship Schedule

Oct 8	Thanksgiving Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor - celebration of baptism
Oct 15	World Food Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor - potluck lunch
Oct 22	Mission & Service Sunday	- Outreach Committee
Oct 29	Stewardship Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor

### Recent Events

September 28, 2017 – Wendy Martin Funeral Service  
September 29, 2017 – Ken Meyer Memorial Service

## The UCC Disaster Response



*Hurricane Irma caused flooding and damage to the northern regions of the Dominican Republic.  
Credit: ACT Alliance*

### Hurricanes in the Caribbean

The United Church of Canada works with several churches and agencies throughout the Caribbean region.

Our membership in the global ACT Alliance will provide multiple ways that the church can assist people affected by Hurricane Irma (and others). ACT members are organized in various regional and national forums (including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba) that are working quickly to assist with evacuations and emergency shelter where necessary, and to plan for post-storm responses.

In addition, the United Church will assist bilateral partners such as the region-wide Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA), the Cuban Council of Churches, and the Karl Lévêque Cultural Institute in Haiti as they organize their responses.

The [United Church of Canada is accepting donations](#) for relief efforts related to hurricanes in the Caribbean. *(see back of bulletin)*

## Morning Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

### Ground of Our Being,

the leaves turn, the world turns, our lives turn,  
but we gather here this morning to stop  
for one brief hour,  
to declare this time for you.

And so, let us feel your presence here today.

Let us feel you gathering us  
into the great love story of the universe..

Let us feel you within us, around us, through us,  
through all creation...

Let us experience you in silence...

*(a time of silence)*

**Blessed be. Amen.**

From: Sheryl Spencer, *Gathering Pentecost 2 2017*, page 33.

## WORD

**Hymn: VU #144 Like a Healing Stream**

*(please remain seated)*

**Community Learning Time**

- Melanie Davis

**Hymn: VU #144 Like a Healing Stream** *(last verse again)*

*(please remain seated)*

**Scripture Readings:**

Exodus 17:1-7

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: Life-giving Water**

**Choral Offering: In Love**

- *Dave Fischer*

## RESPONSE

**Minute for Mission: Displaced People**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn: MV #182 Grateful**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

As water flowed from the rock  
for the Israelites in the desert,  
so the Holy Spirit continues to bless us  
with what we need for our journeys.  
And so we offer gifts from our lives,  
to be used for God's ministry in the world.

**Amen.**

Adapted from: Bill Gillis, *Worship for All Seasons II*, page 238.

**Celebration of Communion**

*(chant: MV #202 Bread for the Journey)*

**Closing Hymn: MV #163 River Running in You and Me**

*(verses 1,3,4,5,7) (please stand as you are able)*

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Closing: MV #215 Peace Be with You**

**Postlude**

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**Lectionary Readings for October 8, 2017**

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm 65 (VU pp. 782-783)

2 Corinthians 9 :6-15

Luke 17:11-19

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### **Hurricane Harvey**

In the United States, our full communion partner, the United Church of Christ, is initiating responses to the ongoing wind and flood disaster on the Gulf Coast. The [United Church of Christ is accepting donations](#) for these efforts.

### **Flooding in Southeast Asia**



*Schoolchildren wade past a waterlogged railway street in the rain in Mumbai, India  
Credit: Associated Press/Rajanish Kakade*

Floods in parts of southeast Asia are causing significant hardship and loss of life as well as property. The United Church of Canada has responded to emergency relief efforts in India through Mission & Service partner ACT Alliance. We have also contributed to an ecumenical emergency response in India through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. We continue to monitor the situation and discern how best we can offer support and prayer. And we ask people to pray for all those affected.