



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

October 15, 2017

World Food Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reader: Maxine Olmsted

Pianist: Mary Anderson

Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*"I wish for a world that views disability, mental or physical,
not as a hindrance but as unique attributes
that can be seen as powerful assets
if given the right opportunities."*

- Oliver Sacks

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #185 Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving

(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Look around and see the faces of those we know and love:

ALL: neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers

ONE: Look around and see the faces of those we hardly know:

ALL: strangers, visitors, and forgotten friends.

ONE: Look around and see all the images of God assembled here.

ALL: In me, in you, in each of us,

the sacred shines for all to see.

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

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 21.

Worship Schedule

Oct 22	Mission & Service Sunday	- Outreach Committee
Oct 29	Stewardship Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Nov 5	All Saints Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
	- with baptisms	
Nov 12	Remembrance/Peace Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor

IRIDESCE: The Living Apology Project



IRIDESCE: The Living Apology Project is an invitation for story-sharing to all people affected by the United Church's 1988 decision—when the church declared that all people, regardless of sexual orientation, are welcome as full members, and all members are eligible to be considered for ministry.

IRIDESCE invites stories from before, during, and after the 1988 decision. How welcoming has our welcome been? These stories will help the church to discern if, and how, it might live into a possible apology to the church's LGBTQ and Two-Spirit people.

The whole church is invited to participate! That means folks associated with the United Church in any way, no matter how they identify—as straight, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, Two-Spirit, and more.

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Opening Hymn: VU #395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

Holy Mystery,
we have received your invitation
and have come to feast at your banquet.
May we open our hearts and minds to
the bounty of word, prayer and song
that you have provided, and
may all be welcome at this table.
Amen.

WORD

Hymn: MV #178 Who is My Mother *(verses 1, 2, & 3)*
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #178 Who is My Mother *(verse 4)*
(please remain seated)

Scripture Readings:

Luke 14:15-24

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: The Guest List

Choral Offering: Come to the Banquet
- Joseph M. Martin

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Food Insecurity

Offering

Offertory Hymn: MV #182 Grateful
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication:

With all that we have,
with all that we are,
we come to you
the Ground of our Being
knowing that all that we offer,
is blessed by your love!

Amen.

Adapted from: Richard Bott, *Gathering Pentecost 2*, page 44.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #215 Peace Be with You

Grace for Potluck: VU #552 For Food in a World

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for October 22, 2017

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99 (VU p.819)

1Thessalonians 1 :1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

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To share your story—and you can do so anonymously—write it down, type it up, make a video, create art or drawings, design a collage...it's up to you! Be inspired by our [questions to help you reflect](#) on the IRIDESCE website. E-mail your story to our coordinator at livingapology@gmail.com. Stories can be as anonymous (or not) as you prefer, and will never be shared without your clear consent. Stories may be shared on the [IRIDESCE website](#) and as part of our General Council 43 presentation (July 2018).

IRIDESCE is travelling the country! If you would like to request a visit for a community workshop event or for Sunday worship, please be in touch! A [schedule of regional visits and local events](#) is posted on the IRIDESCE website.

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