



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

October 22, 2017

### Mission & Service Sunday

Leading Worship: Outreach Committee

Pianist: Mary Anderson

Organist: Patti McCleary

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection

*We sing thanksgiving for the many people who support Mission & Service and offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure to the Mission & Service-supported ministries. What we do together none of us could achieve alone.*

#### 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: We enter this time of worship with open hands and open hearts.

**ALL: God is calling!**

One: O God, you call us to make a difference.

**ALL: God is calling!**

One: You call us to be the hands and feet of Christ.

**ALL: God is calling!**

One: You call us to use our gifts to mend the world.

**ALL: God is calling!**

One: Guide us on the path, lead us onward to sing of your love to a world in pain.

### Worship Schedule

Oct 29	Stewardship Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Nov 5	All Saints Sunday - with baptisms	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Nov 12	Remembrance/Peace Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Nov 19	Parable of the Talents	- Rev. Annette Taylor

### Recent Events

October 20, 2017 – Doris Dash Memorial Service

October 21, 2017 – Sandra Dickie & Daryl Taylor Wedding

## 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.

*(see back of bulletin)*

**Opening Hymn: VU #401 Worship the Lord**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

**Morning Prayer**

**Christ of the broken, Christ of the wanderer, Christ of those without shelter, surround those in deep need here in Canada and around the world. Surround them and help us hear their cries for help. We are a people who long for the broken to be mended. Help us to reach beyond ourselves through our support of the Mission and Service Fund and know that when we do this, we share in your ministry to the world. This we ask in your name. Amen.**

**WORD**

**Hymn: MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name**  
*(verses 1-3) (please remain seated)*

**Community Learning Time** - Melanie Davis

**Hymn: MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name**  
*(verse 4) (please remain seated)*

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:18-22**

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: Come and Follow**

**Choral Offering: Now Join We to Praise the Creator**  
*Fred Kaan/Ron Klusmeier*

**RESPONSE**

**Minute for Mission: Mission & Service through the Years**

**Offering**

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

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**We sing hallelujah, O God, for all the ways we make a difference in the world. We shout it out, O God, in celebration of your mission on earth! Bless these offerings of our hands and hearts. Use them and us to fulfill the purpose of the church to do God's mission. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn: MV #179 Sisters Let Us Walk Together**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

**Commissioning & Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

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*Source: United Church of Canada, Mission & Service*

**Lectionary Readings for October 29, 2017**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (VU pp. 805-806)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

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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](mailto: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.

**Iridesce: The Living Apology Project** is a joint project of [Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble](#) and The United Church of Canada. It is funded by Mission & Service.