

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK September 17, 2017

15th After Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor Reading: Mel Friesen Pianist: Mary Anderson Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

Only in growth, reform and change, paradoxically enough, is true security to be found.

- Anne Morrow Lindbergh

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 114)

ONE: When Israel came out of Egypt, the sea fled at the sight.

ALL: Our strength comes from the Ground of our Being.

ONE: In the presence of the Holy the mountains leapt like rams, and the hills like yearling sheep.

ALL: Our courage comes from the Mystery of Love.

ONE: Tremble, O earth, in the presence of the One who turns rock into pools of water and flint into a bubbling fountain.

ALL: Our inspiration comes from the Spirit of Life; we stand in wonder and awe!

Worship Schedule

Sept 24	Food in the Wilderness	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Oct 1	World Communion Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Oct 8	Thanksgiving Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Oct 15	World Food Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Make Indigenous Rights Law

Support Bill C-262



A central theme of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is that reconciliation between non-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples in Canada requires rejecting our current colonial model of relationship and replacing it with one rooted in mutuality, equity, and respect. Key to this is the adoption and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The federal government has recently issued a set of <u>ten principles</u> respecting the Government of

Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples. These principles rely heavily on the UN Declaration and strongly signal an intent towards a new relationship. However, without a legislative framework, they remain words on paper.

Bill C-262, a private member's bill that is expected to come up for second reading in October 2017, offers that legislative framework. The bill calls for a national implementation strategy to be developed in full partnership with Indigenous peoples, and a 20-year schedule of reporting to Parliament. The Bill thus establishes a binding framework for reconciliation beyond the life of the current government, and a method of transparency and accountability to Parliament and to Canada.

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Opening Hymn: VU p. 820 Make a Joyful Noise (Psalm 100)

(please stand as you are able)

Morning Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

Fit us, O God,

for this new day.

May your guiding spirit, grant us courage

so that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us.

May Jesus, our rabbi, teach us to love

so that differences may not divide us.

May your creative energy, make us new,

so that the past may not enslave us.

Ground of our Being,

lead us into newness of life.

WORD

Hymn: MV #138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

(all verses) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time

- Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

(last verse) (please remain seated)

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 14: 1-31

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: Crossing the Sea

Choral Offering: I Believe

- Words from anonymous Jewish poem,

Music by Mark A. Miller

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Preparing for Ministry

Offering

Offertory Hymn: MV #182 Grateful

(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication:

In this gift

is our promise of faith;

In this time

is our response to your call;

In this prayer

is our search for hope.

Amen.

From: Don Uhryniw, Gathering Pentecost 2 2107, page 38.

Prayers of the People (chant – MV #90)

Closing Hymn: VU #651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #215 Peace Be with You

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for September 24, 2017

Exodus 16: 2-15

Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 (VU pp.828-829, Parts One & Four)

Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16 Moderator Jordan Cantwell has written to Prime Minister Trudeau acknowledging The United Church of Canada's appreciation of the principles, and asking his government to support Bill C-262 when it comes up for second reading.

She hopes that you will join her in this action. There are a number of ways you can participate, depending on how much time you have available.

Take Action

- Pray that the government will continue to listen to the voices of all who seek reconciliation, and that it will work in partnership with Indigenous peoples and all Canadians to build genuine and lasting change in our country.
- 2. **Write a postcard** to your MP with a short, simple message urging them to support Bill C-262. Downloads available for tips and sample messages that you can write on a postcard.
- 3. Write a letter to your own MP, copying the Prime Minister, Minister of Justice Judy Wilson-Raybould, and Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Carolyn Bennett. You can use the Moderator's letter for inspiration, but we suggest you use your own language. Contact information for your MP, the Prime Minister, and Ministers Wilson-Raybould and Bennett can be found on the Parliament of Canada site. Remember that letters to parliamentary addresses are postage-free.
- 4. **Arrange a meeting** or a phone call with your MP to discuss this issue. Tips on meeting or talking with your MP on this specific issue are available in the KAIROS resource "Let Justice Roll," available under Downloads, see link below.

More Information and Downloads