



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
September 24, 2017

16th After Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Reading: Janet Keene
Pianist: Mary Anderson

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*"Faith is not just about being faithful;
it's also about trusting in God's faithfulness."
- John D. Barry*

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

ONE: This community of faith has gathered

ALL: to sing songs of celebration,

ONE: to seek moments of consolation,

ALL: to hear words of inspiration.

ONE: We come

to celebrate God's presence,

ALL: to comfort God's people,

ONE: to be empowered by God's Spirit.

ALL: We come to worship God.

Adapted from: Bill Steadman, *Worship for All Seasons II*, page 233.

Worship Schedule

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| Oct 1 | World Communion Sunday | - Rev. Annette Taylor
- celebration of communion |
| 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 |

Make Indigenous Rights Law Support Bill C-262

A central theme [Truth and Reconciliation](#) that Indigenous and Canada requires model of with one rooted respect. Key to implementation Declaration on Peoples.



of the Calls to Action of the [Reconciliation Commission](#) is reconciliation between non-Indigenous peoples in rejecting our current colonial relationship and replacing it in mutuality, equity, and this is the adoption and of the United Nations the Rights of Indigenous

The federal government has recently issued a set of [ten principles](#) 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: MV #28 God of the Bible
(please stand as you are able)

Morning Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

**We gather, Holy Mystery, in this autumn season,
with its coloured leaves, cooler breezes, earlier sunsets,
to connect with you, the source of our life.**

**You support our journey;
you brighten our pathway;
you bring hope to each and every day.**

**Amidst the many demands placed upon us,
may we trust in your faithfulness
and follow wherever you lead.**

Adapted from: Bill Steadman, *Worship for All Seasons II*, page 234.

WORD

Hymn: VU #639 One More Step Along the World I Go
(verses 1,2 & 3) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: VU #639 One More Step Along the World I Go
(verses 4 & 5) (please remain seated)

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 16:1-30

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: Food in the Wilderness

Choral Offering: I Dreamed of Rain
- Jan Garrett, arranged by Larry Nickel

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Engaging Difference

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication:

**As manna and quail were provided
for the Israelites in the wilderness,
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 the God's ministry in the world.
Amen.**

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

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #288 Great is Thy Faithfulness
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #215 Peace Be with You

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for October 1, 2017

Exodus 17:1-17

Psalms 78 :1-4, 12-16 (VU p. 792, Parts One and Two)

Philippians 1 :1-13

Matthew 21 :23-32

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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

1. **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.

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