



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, May 13, 2018

Leading Worship: Youngjin Park
Reader: Jim Pratt
Pianist: Mary Anderson

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Centering Hymn: **VU #412 This is the Day** (*verse one*)
(*please remain seated*)

Call to Worship

ONE: Christ is alive. He is risen from the dead.

ALL: The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.

ONE: Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,

ALL: we live with Christ in our hearts.

ONE: Clap your hands and shout to God
with loud songs of joy.

**ALL: Sing praises to God, who fills the world
with forgiveness and grace.**

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Hymn: **VU #569 You Call Us Out**

(*please stand as you are able*)

Worship Schedule

The Lord's Prayer – Sermon Series

- May 20 "Our Father in Heaven" - Rev. Annette Taylor
(with communion)
- May 27 Conference Annual Meeting - Worship & Music Cttee
- June 3 "Hallowed by Your Name" - Rev. Annette Taylor
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Recent Events:



Important Step toward Peace and Reconciliation in the Koreas

**The United Church and Korean partners
welcome the Panmunjom Accord.**

On April 27, 2018, [Kim Jong Un described](#) "an age of peace, at the starting point of history" in the guest book at Panmunjom, the location of a historic summit in Korea's demilitarized zone (DMZ). The United Church of Canada, its Korean partners, and the [World Council of Churches](#) are encouraged by the momentous peace talks between North and South Korea that have resulted in the Panmunjom Accord.

The National Council of Churches in Korea (NCKK – a United Church partner) welcomed the accord, which promises that the Koreas will cooperate to establish a lasting peace on the peninsula. This includes reducing military tension and seeking shared prosperity and self-reliant unification.

The NCKK is calling on the people of the United Church to keep the Korean Peninsula in their prayers. Another summit between Korean leaders is planned for Pyongyang in the fall.

[United Church Partners in Mission](#)

RESPONSE

Opening Prayer and Jesus Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One,
creator of all that is and all that ever will be.

You sent your holy child, Jesus,
to heal us and bless us,
to show us your love.

After his suffering and death on the cross,
he was still among us,
proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins
for all who call on his name.

Just as you sent the power of the Holy Spirit
to those who first believed,
fill us now with your power and grace,
that we may become the hands and feet,
and heart and spirit, of Christ. Amen

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WORD

Hymn: Sanctuary - sung by Tami and Bree Pavely
- written by Sarah Siskind, Gary
Nicholson and Jill Andrews
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Scripture:

Psalm 1

John 17:6-19

ONE: We read these texts so that in them we may find wisdom for
life.

ALL: May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.

Reflection: Prayer for Beloveds

Choral Offering: Child of God - Tom Walker

Minute for Mission: A Life of Giving in Action

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

O God,
to those who have hunger,
give bread,
and to those who have bread,
give the hunger for justice.

Amen.

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 51.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: MV #161 I Have Called You By Your Name
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #50 Alleluia (sung three times)

Lectionary Readings for May 13, 2018

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1 (VU p. 724)

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19