



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, May 27, 2018

Trinity Sunday

Leading Worship: Worship & Music Committee
Reader: Mel Friesen
Pianist: Mary Anderson

GATHERING

Acknowledgement of the First Peoples of the Land and Traditional Territories:

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. As we open our worship service today, we acknowledge that we are gathered in the traditional territory of the Cree, the Anishinaabe, the Lakota, Nakota, Dakota, and the homeland of the Metis Peoples – area most recently defined as Treaty 4/6, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: VU #374 **Come and Find the Quiet Centre**
(verse three) (please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: In the morning of our lives, God calls “Come”
ALL: And we come with joy and energy, basking in new life.
ONE: In the noontide of our lives, God calls “Come”
ALL: And we come with knowledge and confidence journeying in God’s light.
ONE: In the evening of our lives, God calls “Come”
ALL: And we come with experience and insight, remembering that God has always been with us.

Worship Schedule

The Lord’s Prayer – Sermon Series

June 3 “Hallowed be Your Name” - Rev. Annette Taylor
June 10 “Your Kingdom Come” - Rev. Annette Taylor
June 17 4th After Pentecost - Norma Hain
June 24 Indigenous Peoples Sunday - Rev. Annette Taylor

Preparations for GC43 and Festival of Faith Gaining Steam



Lonteh'sennanón:
waks tsi nokwah ne tewehtákwen
Aiontenienten karahratsheera

Risking Faith
Daring Hope

Pari de foi
Audace d'espérance

G'chi toonyan b'quasan moan,
miinwa noogdawandum
Debyaan mon noghchiteon

Momentum is building for the [43rd General Council](#) and Festival of Faith, happening July 21-27, 2018 in Oshawa, ON. Moderator Jordan Cantwell has invited all congregations to [join us in person or online](#) for the opening worship service on Sunday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Also, there's a lot of excitement about the Festival of Faith which kicks off GC43 on July 21-22 in Oshawa. The festival will offer fun for all ages, including a bouncy castle for the young and the young at heart, [DJs](#) and [dance parties](#), a chance to break a world record, [paint a pew](#), and much more. There are also a number of faith-based [workshops](#) being added everyday. Please visit the [Festival of Faith](#) webpage to find out more.

ONE: In the beginning and the ending and the beginning again,
God calls "Come"

**ALL: And we come because it is enough for us to know that
God calls us and then journeys with us.**

ONE: In this time and in this place, God calls "Come"

ALL: And we come to worship our God who calls to us in love.

Hymn: MV #81 Love Us into Fullness

(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer & Jesus' Prayer

ONE: Holy one, you who are the source of all love and the ground
of our being,

ALL: we gather as your people today, rooted in your love.

ONE: We are grateful for the opportunity to come together as your
church. We think of those gathered today in North
Battleford, to celebrate the ministries of The United Church
of Canada in Saskatchewan Conference, knowing that they
likewise think of each congregation.

**ALL: We pray that your Spirit of hope, healing, and life will
continue to embolden us to be faithful followers of the
Way of Jesus.**

ONE: May our worship today inspire us to be the winds of change
you need to bring your peace, justice, reconciliation, and
love into our hurting world.

ALL: Amen.

WORD

Hymn: VU #359 He Came Singing Love (*verses 1, 2, 3*)

(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: VU #359 He Came Singing Love (*verse 4*)

(please remain seated)

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Matthew 14:22-33

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: Be Brave, Bold and Stand Up Tall

Choral Offering: A New Creed

United Church of Canada/Richard D. Hall

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: A Sweet Program of Empowerment

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU#468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

(verse 2) (please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication

**Source of Love and Ground of our Being,
accept and bless all we offer this day.
Grant that, in responding to your Spirit,
we heed your call to serve your world
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Closing: The Blessing of Water and Light and Air

- *Words by Shirley Erena Murray
& Music by Ron Klusmeier*

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for June 3, 2018

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (VU pp.861-862)

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

- but we will be using Psalm 138