



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, May 6, 2018

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor  
Reader: Karen Messer  
Pianist: Mary Anderson

#### GATHERING

##### Moment for Reflection

*“Sing to God a new song...  
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth  
break into joyous praise, sing psalms.”*

##### 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: Come, encounter the Good News  
through word and song.

**ALL: We come in praise and thanksgiving.**

ONE: May the wonder of God's love  
touch us all this day.

**ALL: May we be filled with God's grace.**

ONE: Let us celebrate God's presence  
with expectation and joy.

**ALL: Let us worship.**

Adapted from: Laura Turnbull, *Worship for All Seasons II*, page 175.

**Hymn: VU #820 Make a Joyful Noise**  
(*please stand as you are able*)

## Worship Schedule

*The Lord's Prayer – Sermon Series*

May 13	St. Andrew's College	- Youngjin Park
May 20	“Our Father in Heaven” (with communion)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
May 27	Conference Annual Meeting	- Worship & Music Ctte
June 3	“Hallowed by Your Name”	- Rev. Annette Taylor

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##### Recent Events:

Tuesday, May 1 - Norman Rya Memorial Service

## 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.

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## Opening Prayer

Loving Creator,  
we praise you  
for melody and harmony,  
for notes that blend together  
and those that clash.

As we participate in your magnificent creation,  
may our songs of praise and thanksgiving  
overcome the rumblings of disharmony;  
may our voices proclaim your grace and peace  
though prayer, word and music.  
Hear us now, as we sing together the prayer  
that Jesus taught his disciples

Adapted from: Sandra Jenkinson, *Gathering Lent/Easter 2018*, page 42.

## The Lord's Prayer (VU #959)

*(please remain seated as we sing)*

## WORD

Hymn: MV #180 **Sing, Sing Out!** (verses 1, 2 )  
*(please remain seated)*

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #180 **Sing, Sing Out!** (verse 1)  
*(please remain seated)*

## Scripture:

**Psalm 98** (VU p. 818 with Refrain 1)

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: **Sing a New Song**

Choral Offering: **Go Out in Joy**  
- Joseph Martin

## RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: **A New Approach to Farming**

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 #142 **Oh A Song Must Rise**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #213 **Take Up His Song**  
*(peace, hope, love)*

Postlude

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## 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

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The National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK – 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 NCCCK 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.

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