



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, June 10, 2018

Your Kingdom Come

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Reader: Jean Pearson
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

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: On the day of Pentecost,
the Holy Spirit brought together
the first members of the Christian church.

**ALL: On June 10, 1925,
the Holy Spirit brought together
The United Church of Canada.**

ONE: Today, exactly 93 years later,
the Holy Spirit has brought us together
at First United Church in Swift Current, SK.

**ALL: We come to sing and to serve,
to pray and to play,
to listen and to love.**

ONE: Come let us celebrate
the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

Adapted from: Richard Bott, *Gathering Pentecost 1* 2017, page 26.

Worship Schedule

The Lord's Prayer – Sermon Series

- June 17 Indigenous Peoples Sunday - Norma Hain
- June 24 "Your Will be Done on Earth"- Rev. Annette Taylor
- July 1 Ecumenical Service at Kinetic Exhibition Park
8:30 a.m. - Breakfast 10:00 a.m. – Worship
- July 8 "Give Us our Daily Bread" - Rev. Annette Taylor
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"Era of Peace" in Korea Coming



The United Church's [Patti Talbot was in Seoul](#) recently representing the church as part of an international delegation of 30 peace activists, security experts, and civil society leaders to listen to

women in South Korea and support their efforts for genuine peace on the Korean peninsula.

President Trump's announcement on May 24 pulled the U.S. out of talks and derailed the peace process. Yet, as Christine Ahn, founder of Women Cross DMZ, declared: "Peace isn't just up to two men. It's up to the people and the leaders of North and South Korea, and that peace train has long left the station."

Find out why women say [peace in Korea is unstoppable](#) and the ["Era of Peace"](#) is coming. *(see back of bulletin for more)*

Hymn: VU #217 All Creatures of Our God and King
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

**God in whom we live and move and have our being:
from sea to sea to sea we gather in prayer;
from generation to generation we sing;
on this anniversary we give thanks
for your providence
your guidance
and your compassion.**

**In this heritage of trust
we pray for this United Church
and for faithful living on this land.
Our Source of Life, Living Word, and Bonding Love
may your reign come. Amen.**

Adapted from: Catherine MacLean,

<https://www.united-church.ca/prayers/union-sunday-prayer>.

The Prayer of Jesus VU page 916 – A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter

WORD

Hymn: VU #289 It Only Takes a Spark *(verses 1 & 2)*
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: VU #289 It Only Takes a Spark *(verse 3)*
(please remain seated)

Scripture: Mark 4: 26-33

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: Your Kingdom Come

Choral Offering: Seek Ye First the Kingdom
- Karen Lafferty

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: 100 Years of Being the Change

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU#468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
(verse 2) (please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication

**Ground of our Being,
our world is your wheat field,
and we have been sown in it.**

**May our lives and our offerings be fruitful
so that the harvest may be bountiful and good.**

Amen.

Adapted from Kate Crawford, *Gathering Pentecost 1* 2017, page 39.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: MV #171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours
(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 17, 2018

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20 (VU p.742)

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

Off-again/on-again Trump-Kim summit cannot derail the peace train.

"It is time to shout: The era of peace is coming."

We echoed the cry of KoEun KwangSoon of Peace Mothers of Korea last week, as we walked alongside 1,200 South Korean women mobilizing for a peaceful resolution to the Korean conflict. I was representing the United Church as part of an international women peacemakers delegation of 30 peace activists. Led by Nobel peace laureate Mairead Maguire and WomenCrossDMZ founder Christine Ahn, we were in South Korea to support the historic peace process between the two Koreas. The high point of our solidarity was our participation in the second historic DMZ Peace Walk and Festival on May 26 in Paju, South Korea.



"No matter which way the winds in the White House are blowing, we women are moving forward with our Korean sisters who are determined to put an end to this disastrous 70-year-old conflict," said delegation member Medea Benjamin of CODEPINK.

[Read More](#)

Join me and many others around the world in praying, acting, and speaking for peace in Korea. The prayer, "For Peaceful Coexistence and Prosperity on Korean Peninsula," has been provided by a group of Korean ministers in The United Church of Canada.

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