



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, July 15, 2018

### 8<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost

Leading Worship: Adele Heise  
Pianist: Joan Williamson  
Organist: Patti McCleary

#### GATHERING

##### Welcome and Announcements

##### Sharing of Peace/Prelude

##### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: **MV #14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered**  
(sing twice) (please remain seated)

##### Call to Worship

ONE: In the beginning there is a Story  
LEFT: **told around campfires in the desert**  
RIGHT: **shared around tables when bread was broken.**  
LEFT: **written on pieces of soft leather**  
RIGHT: **then in pages bound together in a book.**  
ONE: These are our sacred stories. *[Pause]*

ONE: Our spiritual journey is made of stories.  
LEFT: **A flickering of the Divine here**  
RIGHT: **a spark of hope there**  
LEFT: **a flame of insight**  
RIGHT: **a kindling of faith.**  
ONE: These are our spiritual memoirs. *[Pause]*

LEFT: **Here in this place,**  
RIGHT: **gathered around this light,**  
LEFT: **we are honouring the sacred in our lives.**  
RIGHT: **Story is the fire in our midst.**

Closing Hymn: **VU #578 As a Fire is Meant for Burning**

##### A Blessing

Leader: Here's a light. Take it with you.  
Let it be sacred fire for you in the week ahead.

**ALL: We go to live our stories,  
in shouts of gratitude,  
in longing for hope,  
through murmurs and tears,  
in wonder and with delight,**

Leader: Surely God is in this!

**ALL: God is in our stories.**

Leader: This light reminds us, of the Sacred  
in our days and in our nights.  
Blessed be you.

**ALL: And blessed be you. AMEN**

Choral Closing: **MV #214 May God's Sheltering Wings**

##### Postlude

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**Opening Hymn: “Storymaking God”** – *to the tune of VU #260*  
*(please stand as you are able)*

### Opening Prayer

#### The Prayer of Jesus

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,  
Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign of peace to come,  
We pray that your good will be done,  
Let heaven and earth become one.**

**Give us this day the bread we need,  
Give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,  
From each one to each one.**

**Lead us to holy innocence  
Beyond the evil of our days —  
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:  
Forever your name is All in One. Amen**

Parker Palmer, *Peace Prayers*

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/lords-prayer-father-mother.html>

### Community Learning Time

**Hymn: MV #27 Creator God You Gave Us Life**

#### WORD

**Scripture: Genesis 28: 10-19 - A part of Jacob’s Spiritual Memoir**

**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: Honouring the Sacred in our Lives: Surely God is in This**

### A Time of Storytelling:

**Surely!** God is in this.

Recall a place when you felt close to God or most whole within yourself.

Surely God is in **this?**

Recall a challenging time in your life. As you look back is there a gift you didn’t see at the time?

Surely God **is** in this!

Recall a significant dream or insight. What role does it play in your journey with God?"

### Kindling our Prayers:

Sung Response: A Light is Gleaming, VU #82 (Refrain & v.4)  
Prayers of Gratitude ...

Sung Response: A Light is Gleaming, VU #82 (refrain & v.1)  
Prayers for Others & Our World ...

Sung Response: A Light is Gleaming, VU #82 (refrain & v.2)  
Prayers for Our Journey ...

Spoken Response: A Light is Gleaming, VU #82 (v.3)

Sung Response: A Light is Gleaming, VU #82 (refrain only)

### RESPONSE

**Minute for Mission: Hope under Occupation**

### Offering

**Offertory Hymn: MV # 79 Spirit Open My Heart** (*verse 2 & refrain*)  
*(please stand as you are able)*

### Prayer of Dedication

## **Worship Schedule**

### *The Lord's Prayer – Sermon Series*

July 22	“Forgive Us our Debts” - with baptism	- Rev. Annette Taylor
July 29	“Lead Us Not into Temptation”- - with communion	Rev. Annette Taylor
Aug 5	11 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	- Emily Bamforth
Aug 12	12 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	- Sandra Watson

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### **Recent Events**

Monday, July 9, 2018 - William Hurrell Funeral Service

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 - Lois Ailsby Funeral Service

Thursday, July 12, 2018 - Arne Hasselbohm Funeral Service,  
Peggy Worrell officiating

### **Lectionary Readings for July 22, 2018**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37 (VU p.804)

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34,53-56

Note: We will be using Matthew 6:12-14 & Luke 11:4