



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, July 29, 2018

### Temptation

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor  
Reader: Sharon Veer  
Pianist: Sharon Veer  
Organist: Patti McCleary

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection

*"The greatest temptations are not those that solicit our consent to obvious sin, but those that offer us great evils masking as the greatest goods."*

— Thomas Merton, *No Man Is an Island*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Sharing of Peace/Prelude

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Centering Hymn: VU #382 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**  
(verses 1 & 2) (please remain seated)

#### Call to Worship

ONE: We have gathered to worship God.

**ALL: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.**

ONE: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**ALL: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

From: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 21.

## Worship Schedule

Aug 5	11 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	- Emily Bamforth
Aug 12	12 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	- Sandra Watson
Aug 19	"Eternal Life"	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Aug 26	"God's Dwelling Place"	- Rev. Annette Taylor

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### Lectionary Readings for August 5, 2018

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

Psalm 51:1-12 (VU pp.776-777)

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

## General Council 43 Enacts Remits



[GC43 enacted all seven remits](#) that originated at GC42 three years ago. [Remit enactment](#) represents one of the biggest structural changes in the history of The United Church of Canada. Before reaching the floor of GC43, a strong majority of pastoral charges and presbyteries voted in favour of the remits.

The [Calls to the Church](#) were also enacted.

**Hymn: VU #402 We Are One**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

### Opening Prayer

**Holy Mystery, Ground of Our Being,**  
we come to you with hungry hearts,  
waiting to be filled:  
waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence;  
waiting to be filled with the touch of your spirit;  
waiting to be filled with new energy for service.  
**Come to us, we pray.**  
**Be with us.**  
**Touch us.**  
**Empower us as your people**  
**that we might act in the world for your sake.**

Adapted from: *Book of Worship The United Church of Christ*, page 528.

### The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name.**  
**Your kingdom come.**  
**Your will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our debts,**  
**as we also have forgiven our debtors.**  
**And do not bring us to the time of trial,**  
**but rescue us from the evil one.**  
**[For the kingdom and the power**  
**and the glory are yours forever. Amen]**

From: Matthew 6:9b-13 (NRSV) with additional ending [in brackets]  
that was included in some ancient authorities.

## WORD

**Hymn: VU #115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert**  
*(verses 1,2 &3) (please remain seated)*

### Community Learning Time

**Hymn: VU #115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert**  
*(verse 4) (please remain seated)*

### Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

**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: Lead Us Not into Temptation

**Hymn: MV #65 When We Are Tested** *(using tune VU #642)*  
*(please remain seated)*

## RESPONSE

### Minute for Mission: Compassion in Life and Death

### Offering

**Offertory Hymn: VU #540 Grant Us God, the Grace**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

### Prayer of Dedication

**We present these gifts,**  
**and the gifts of our own living,**  
**sharing and action,**  
**so that all may be fed. Amen.**

Adapted from: Beth W Johnston, *Gathering Pentecost 1* 2018, page 45.

### Celebration of Communion

*(Chant: MV #202 Bread for the Journey)*

**Closing Hymn: VU #481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

### Commissioning and Benediction

**Choral Closing: VU #964 Go Now in Peace** *(sung twice)*

### Postlude

## News from the 43rd General Council



The 43rd General Council just finished in Oshawa, ON.

You can find [all the news](#) on the GC 43 website,

watch the [livestream](#), or

check out our [social media channels](#).