



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, July 8 2018

### Our Daily Bread

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor  
Reader: Jacqueline Ravino  
Pianist: Joan Williamson

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection

*I read Mark's parable to say that there is more than enough food already present upon our earth when it passes through the hands of divine justice; when it is taken, blessed, broken and given out; when food is seen as God's consecrated gift.*  
- Dominic Crossan, *The Greatest Prayer*, page 130

#### 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: Our God of abundance, infinite in grace,  
surrounds us with blessings.

**ALL: There is enough, always enough,  
of what we need.**

ONE: But sometimes it is hidden, tucked beneath the surface,  
waiting for us to release it

**ALL: by acting with generosity and compassion.**

ONE: So we gather to learn anew  
our calling as co-creators with God,

**ALL: whom now we celebrate.**

Adapted from: Rod Sykes, *Gathering Pentecost 1* 2018, page 35.

### Commissioning and Benediction

#### Choral Closing: **Go Now in Peace**

- Don Besig & Nancy Price

#### Postlude

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### Worship Schedule

*The Lord's Prayer – Sermon Series*

July 15	Honouring the Sacred	- Adele Heise
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

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### Recent Events

Wednesday, July 4, 2018 - Verna Schaitel Funeral Service

Friday, July 6, 2018 - Anna Potter Memorial Service

Saturday, July 7, 2018 - Joyce Jensen Funeral Service

### Lectionary Readings for July 15, 2018

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalms 24 (VU pp.750-751)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Note: Worship Leader be using Genesis 28:1-19

**Hymn: VU #226 For the Beauty of the Earth**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

### Opening Prayer

**Holy Mystery,  
in the beauty of this summer day  
may we see your creating spirit  
inviting us to share the goodness of life.**

**Our congregation is in the midst of mourning,  
and yet there is still much to celebrate.  
You have given us the gift of Sabbath rest  
and ask us to notice the goodness all around us,  
to share in the celebration of your word  
creating and recreating  
with each story and in each prayer.**

**May our minds be open to your wisdom,  
our hearts open to your love,  
and our spirits open to your transforming grace.**

Adapted from: Wendy MacLean, *Gathering Pentecost 1 2018*, page 36.

### 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>

## WORD

**Hymn: VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**  
*(verses 1,2 &3) (please stand as you are able)*

### Community Learning Time

**Hymn: VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**  
*(verse 4) (please stand as you are able)*

**Scripture: Mark 6:35-44**

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: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread**

**Hymn: VU #702 When a Poor One**  
*(please remain seated)*

## RESPONSE

**Minute for Mission: Empowerment for Indigenous Women**

### 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.

### Prayers of the People

**Closing Hymn: VU #679 Let There Be Light**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

## Find Out More about the Nominees for Moderator

The Moderator will be elected from among the Commissioners of the 43rd General Council. All nominees are asked to submit a biographical statement and a personal statement about the major issues they see facing the United Church. We are posting links to this information below as we receive it. [See pictures & statements](#)

**Rev. Susan Beaver** Ordained Minister  
Nominated by Plains Presbytery (All Native Circle Conference)

**Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud** Layperson  
Nominated by Winnipeg Presbytery (Manitoba and NW Ontario)

**Rev. Dr. Richard Bott** Ordained Minister  
Nominated by Vancouver South Presbytery (British Columbia Conference)

**Rev. David Hart** Ordained Minister  
Nominated by Halifax Presbytery (Maritime)

**Rev. Cathy Larmond** Ordained Minister  
Nominated by Kent Presbytery (London)

**Rev. Dr. Catherine Faith MacLean** Ordained Minister  
Nominated by Edmonton Presbytery (Alberta and Northwest)

**Dr. Colin Phillips** Layperson  
Nominated by Toronto South East Presbytery (Toronto)

**Rev. Wanda Stride** Ordained Minister  
Nominated by Kawartha Highlands Presbytery (Bay of Quinte)

**Rev. Dr. Martha ter Kuile** Ordained Minister  
Nominated by Toronto South East Presbytery (Toronto)

**Rev. Donalee Williams** Ordained Minister  
Nominated by Yellowhead Presbytery (Alberta and Northwest)