



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, August 12, 2018

Twelfth after Pentecost

Leading Worship: Sandra Watson
Reader: Shirley Wilson
Pianist: Sharon Veer

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*Let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up-building.
Romans 14: 19*

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

One: God grants us peace not so that we can hide it away in a dark room to keep ourselves comfortable. God grants us peace so that we may share it with all those around us, neighbours near and far. God calls us to take this peace into uncomfortable situations of conflict. It is a peace that passes all understanding. It is a peace more powerful than all machinations of violence. It is a peace that challenges dangerous idolatries. It is a peace that binds us together even across boundaries of conflict. May that peace fill you up until it overflows. May the peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: VU #376 Spirit of the Living God
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

One: God of creation, you brought life to all that we see. You set the boundaries of the universe and placed us within its care.

All: Creator God, breathe life into your creation.

Worship Schedule

Aug 19 "Eternal Life" - Rev. Annette Taylor
Aug 26 "God's Dwelling Place" - Rev. Annette Taylor

Recent Events

Thursday, August 2, 2018 – Violet Dahl graveside service – Peggy Worrell officiating.

The Rev. Richard Bott Elected 43rd Moderator of the United Church



The United Church of Canada has elected the [Rev. Richard Bott](#), 49, from Vancouver as its 43rd Moderator

Rev. Bott was elected from a field of 10 nominees at GC43 in Oshawa, ON.

Over 300 commissioners (delegates) from across the country have gathered this week to decide on a wide range of church business that includes the election of the Moderator, who will be the church's spiritual leader for the next three years.

[Read More](#)

One: Holy Spirit, you bind your children together in community. Your bonds transcend borders created by humankind! You kindle the fire within us that stirs our passion for faith, justice and reconciliation.

All: Spirit God, inspire us to reconciliation.

One: Jesus the Christ, you came to teach and to lead. You showed us the cost of discipleship when you stood up against the powers of the world, and they tried to suppress your truth by sentencing you to death. Your life was more powerful than death and your truth lives on in us.

All: Jesus the Christ, help us reflect your light of truth and peace.

Opening Hymn: MV #1 Let Us Build a House
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer)

WORD

Hymn: MV #92 Like a Rock – sing twice
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time: “Old Turtle”

Hymn: MV #92 Like a Rock
(please remain seated)

Scripture:

John 6:35, 41-51 - I am the Bread of Life
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

ONE: We read these texts so that in them we may find wisdom for life.

ALL: May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.

Reflection:And to see God in one another.

Hymn: MV #154 Deep in Our Hearts
(please remain seated)

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: We Found Our Home

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of the People

Closing Hymn: VU pp. 884 We Shall Go Out with Joy
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #964 Go Now in Peace

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for August 19, 2018

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-1
Psalm 111 (VU p. 833)
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Opening Prayer: (SeasonsFUSION Pentecost 1 2018)

Note: We have used resources from 2018 Sunday Prayer Worship for Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula by National Council of Churches in Korea Reconciliation and Reunification Committee.