



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, August 5, 2018

Eleventh after Pentecost

Leading Worship: Emily Bamforth
Reader: George Reaves
Pianist: Sharon Veer
Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one. – Nikolai Berdyaev

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 (adapted from 'Worship Ways')

One: You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways. Bring us together, just as you gathered the people of Israel in the desert to eat.

All: God of Unity, give us this day our daily bread.

One: Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you. As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—faith, hope, and love.

All: God of Grace, give us this day our daily bread.

One: All life is created and nourished by you! May we grow into new ways of understanding and being, reflecting on how we have been touched by your holy food.

All: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

Worship Schedule

Aug 12	12 th after Pentecost	- Sandra Watson
Aug 19	“Eternal Life”	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Aug 26	“God’s Dwelling Place”	- Rev. Annette Taylor

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.

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Opening Hymn: MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

One: All you big things, praise our God! Rocky Mountains and coastal windswept wilderness, towering icebergs and sweeping grasslands, tall Douglas firs and Lodgepole pines; All you coyotes and cougars and moose.

All: Praise our God forever and ever!

One: All you tiny things, praise our God! Pussy willows and prairie crocuses; ants and beetles and hummingbird moths; newborn foals and calves and chicks; all you quiet yet small signs of birth and rebirth.

All: Praise our God forever and ever!

One: O God, who reigns over time and space: You have fashioned worlds of wonder – boundless space and whirling galaxies, universes of infinite possibility. In awe-filled gratitude, we join in the Cosmos in proclaiming Your praise!

The Prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer)

WORD

Hymn: VU #468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
(Verses 1 & 2) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time: The Last and the 'Yeast' of You

Hymn: VU #468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
(Verse 3) (please remain seated)

Scripture:

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:9, 12:13: Nathan condemns David
John 6:24-35: "I am the Bread of Life"

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: 'Wonder Bread: The Miracle Diet'

Hymn: MV #79 Spirit, Open My Heart
(please remain seated)

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: The Struggle to Ban the Bomb

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication *(Adapted from Worship Ways)*

O God, we share these gifts in the spirit of those who shared their loaves and fishes: we ask that you take these gifts and use them to feed all of creation—to produce seed and grain, filling humans and animals alike, and to restore wholeness in the places where malnourishment exists.

A Meditative Prayer

Closing Hymn: MV #209 Go, Make a Difference
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #964 Go Now in Peace

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for August 12, 2018

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130 (VU pp. 852-853)
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51