



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
September 30, 2018

Mission & Service Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Reader: Janet Keene
Pianist: Joan Williamson
Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*Health is the greatest gift,
contentment the greatest wealth,
faithfulness the best relationship.*
- Buddha

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: **MV #14 Where Two or Three are Gathered**
(sing three times) (please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Come to this sacred place
to find God in reverence and awe.

ALL: We come ready to be inspired.

ONE: Come to this ordinary place
to find God in every-day life events.

ALL: We come ready to be surprised.

ONE: Come to this prayer-soaked place
to find God in each other.

ALL: We come ready to celebrate God's presence.

Adapted from: Catherine Trovell, *Gathering Pentecost 2* 2018, page 31.

Worship Schedule

Fruits of the Spirit Sermon Series

- Oct 7 "Joy" Thanksgiving Sunday - Rev. Annette Taylor
- World-wide Communion
- Oct 14 "Patience" - Norma Hain
- World Food Sunday
- Oct 21 "Love" - Rev. Annette Taylor
- Potluck Lunch
- Oct 28 "Generosity" - Rev. Annette Taylor
- Stewardship Sunday
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Follow Moderator Richard Bott



Moderator Richard Bott's [welcome message](#): With so many things happening in our church and in the world around us, Moderator Richard Bott invites us to listen carefully to ourselves and to one another, and then to let our action be full of love.

[Watch the Moderator's message now.](#)

The Moderator has also launched a [Facebook page](#). He invites you to join him on his journey as Moderator [here](#)

[Read More](#)

Opening Hymn: MV #28 God of the Bible
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Holy Mystery, Ground of our Being,

We gather for worship in this place

each of us with our own story,

our own hopes and fears.

May we have faith that

when our strength falls short

when our courage seems insufficient

you are there to provide.

May our hearts be open

to your loving presence.

WORD

Hymn: MV #20 God of Still Waiting *(verses 1, 2 & 3)*
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time

Hymn: MV #20 God of Still Waiting *(verse 4)*
(please remain seated)

Scripture: James 5:13-20

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: Faithfulness

Choral Offering: We Have Come This Far by Faith
- J. Paul Williams & Joseph M. Martin

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: A Place to Find Tangible Help

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #538 For the Gift of Creation
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God,

these gifts and all the others that we offer,

represent only a portion of your blessings to us.

We return them to you,

that they may be used for your work in the world.

Amen.

Adapted from: Wanda Winfield, Gathering Pentecost 2 2018, page 39.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #298 When You Walk From Here
(sung twice)

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for October 7, 2018

Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126 (VU p. 850)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33

*We are not here to be successful,
we are here to be faithful.*

- Mother Teresa

Orange Shirt Day



Sunday, September 30 is [Orange Shirt Day](#):
Everyone is invited to wear an orange shirt
to remember and honour all the Indigenous children
who went to Residential School and
those children who died at school.

[Find out more.](#)