



**First United Church
Swift Current, SK
October 14, 2018**

World Food Sunday

Leading Worship: Norma Hain
Reader: Sharon Veer
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

Guard well that treasure of patience within yourself. Know how to slow down and live each moment fully. Have faith and be assured that life is evolving as it should. *(S.M. Cooper)*

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Celebrate the Light/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: MV #12 Come Touch Our Hearts
(verses 2 & 4) (please remain seated)

Call to Worship

One: I am listening

All: I am listening to the trees taking off their lush green garments.

One: I am listening

All: To the song of transformation.

One: I am listening

All: To the beauty and fragility of aging.

One: I am listening

All: To the wheel of the year turning.

One: I am listening

All: To the growing harvest moon.

One: I am listening

Worship Schedule
Fruits of the Spirit Sermon Series

Oct 21	“Love”	- Rev. Annette Taylor
	- Potluck Lunch	
Oct 28	“Generosity”	- Rev. Annette Taylor
	- Stewardship Sunday	
Nov 4	“Gentleness”	- Rev. Annette Taylor
	- All Saints Sunday	
Nov 11	“Peace”	- Rev. Annette Taylor
	- Remembrance Day	

Recent Events

Saturday, October 13 – Winnifred Dickie Memorial Service at the Chapel of Warren’s Funeral Home.

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We invite you to connect with The United Church of Canada on our new Instagram channel [@UnitedChurchCanada](https://www.instagram.com/UnitedChurchCanada).

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RESPONSE

All: To the bountiful gift of Autumn

All: I am listening

(adapted from the Poem by Macrina Wiederkehr)

Opening Hymn VU #227 For the Fruit of All Creation

Opening Prayer:

Blessed are you autumn, your harvesting time has come. As we gather your riches into our homes, reveal to us our own inner riches, waiting to be harvested.

Blessed are you autumn, season of surrender. You teach us the wisdom of letting go, as you draw us into new ways of living.

Blessed are you autumn, the transformed landscape reminds us of our lives in constant renewal.

Blessed are you autumn, you change our hearts into fountains of gratitude as we receive your gracious gifts.

Amen *(adapted from An Autumn Blessing by Joyce Rupp)*

The Lord's Prayer – VU page 916 A Paraphrase

WORD

Hymn: VU #236 Now Thank We All Our God *(verses 1 & 2)*

(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time: Melanie Davis

Hymn: VU #236 Now Thank We All Our God *(verse 3)*

(please remain seated)

Scripture: Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

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

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

Reflection: The Patience of Job

Choral Offering: Still, My Soul Be Still

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Minute for Mission: Rebuilding Community in the Philippines

Invitation to the Offering – Let us say our praises with the gifts of our labour. The offering will now be received.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: MV #182 Grateful

(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along the way.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #291 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Blessing

May we go now in peace,

Patiently living in the Now

Praising the life that is ours.

Promising to live each day fully.

Blessing the world around us.

And Blessed for the journey ahead.

Amen

Choral Closing: Celtic Blessing

Traditional, transcribed by Pete Seeger,

Choral Arrangement by James McLauchlan

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for October 21, 2018

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalms 34:1-8, (19-22) (VU pp. 761-762)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52