



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, January 15, 2023

Epiphany Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Music Director: James McLaughlan
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Organist: Patti McCleary
Reader: Karen Bender



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*“Here is my Servant, whom I uphold
My chosen one, in whom I delight!
I have endowed you with my Spirit
that you may bring true justice to the nations.”
— Isaiah 42:1*

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #71 *When the Wind of Winter Blows*
(verse 1) (please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Come, people of God!

**ALL: We come, called by God
to be witnesses to the Light.**

ONE: With John the Baptizer,

ALL: with all the disciples,

ONE: with our sisters, brother, and siblings
throughout the ages,

**ALL: we gather to sing, to pray,
to celebrate the presence of God!**

Adapted from: Richard Bott, *Gathering A/C/E 2022/23*, page 41.

Worship Schedule

Jan 22	<i>Called by Jesus</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor (with communion & potluck lunch)
Jan 29	<i>Land Acknowledgements</i>	- Affirming Ministry Working Group
Feb 5	<i>This Light of Mine</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Feb 12	<i>Fishers of People</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Recent Events

January 11, 2023 – Funeral Service for June Wittrock
at First United Church

In Person and Online Event: Living in Transformative Change



BLOOR STREET UNITED CHURCH Co-hosted by Adaptive Conversations at Bloor Street United Church and the Centre for Religion and Its Contexts at Emmanuel College

Join us for an exciting conversation on January 15, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST—online via Zoom or in person—about making institutional changes in times of rapid cultural change. Michael Blair

(General Secretary, The United Church of Canada) and Mary Rowe (President and CEO, Canadian Urban Institute) will speak from their experiences of success through partnering, piloting, and persevering. Questions can be submitted in advance.

Hosted by Adaptive Conversations at Bloor Street United Church and Emmanuel College’s Centre for Religion and Its Contexts. The event will be moderated by Rob Dagleish.

For more details and to register visit our [website](#).

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Opening Hymn: VU #453 *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
Holy Mystery, Ground of our Being
On this day when we share
the story of Jesus' baptism,
you once again call us to gather
on the banks of the River Jordan
May we, like John the Baptizer,
be willing to follow Jesus
into the living waters.
May we, like Jesus,
receive your declaration of love.
May we delight
in the renewing waters
as we recall the baptism of Jesus.

Adapted from: Dora White, *Gathering A/C/E* 2022/23, page 41.

WORD

Hymn: MV #3 *River* (verses 1 & 2)
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time

Hymn: MV #3 *River* (verses 3 & 4)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9
Matthew 3:13-17

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: *Fulfilling God's Justice*

Choral Offering: *Water Me*
– Words and Music by Jim Strathdee

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *National Affirming/PIE Day*
(selected by Erik Mathiesen, Chief Financial Officer)

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

All that we are is yours, Loving God,
all that we have been and all that we will be.
Bless our gifts of money, time and talent
that they may be used to build
your reign of peace and justice on earth.

Written by Annette Taylor.

Prayers of the People (text: 306-750-8925)

Closing Hymn: MV #163 *River Running in You and Me*
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #220 *Hope Shines as the Solitary Star*

Postlude

Scripture Readings for January 22, 2023

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (VU pp. 753-755)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Prayers Cycles

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Full Gospel Church

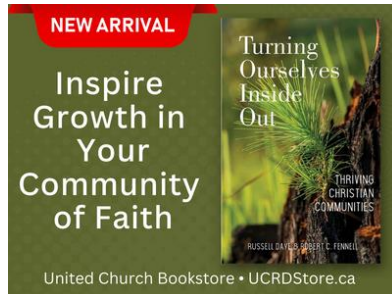
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