



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, February 12, 2023

### 6<sup>th</sup> after Epiphany

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



## GATHERING

### Moment for Reflection

*“Happiness comes to those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in your Law, YHWH.  
Happiness comes to those who keep your decrees,  
and seek you with all their heart,  
and do no wrong, but walk in your ways.”*  
Psalm 119: 1-2

### Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

### Lighting the Christ Candle

**Gathering Hymn: MV #21 *Open Our Hearts***  
(please remain seated)

### Call to Worship

ONE: For those who are tired,

**ALL: may this sacred space  
be a place of rest.**

ONE: For those are who hurting,

**ALL: may this holy space  
be a place of healing.**

ONE: For those who are seeking answers,

**ALL: may this be a space  
where questions are accepted  
and wise, caring words are spoken.**

## Worship Schedule

*Lenten Movie Series*

Feb 19	<i>Written in Stone</i>	- Norma Hain
Feb 26	<i>Everything Everywhere All at Once</i> (Lent One)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 5	<i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i> (Lent Two)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 12	<i>Tar</i> (Lent Three)	- Rev. Annette Taylor

## United Church Stands with Filipino Human Rights Defenders



On January 24, 2023, a warrant of arrest was issued for five human rights defenders associated with the Cordillera Peoples Alliance in the Philippines, long-time partner of The United Church of Canada, and two other respected human rights defenders.

The United Church of Canada joins in a global call to free Jen Awingan, have the trumped-up charges against the seven activists dropped, and have the government in the Philippines be held accountable for their human rights violations. Read the [full news story](#).

[Image credit: Cordillera Peoples Alliance Facebook]

ONE: We come for different reasons;  
we come from different places.

**ALL: Here we are all embraced  
by the same Spirit.**

ONE: Let us celebrate the loving presence of God.  
Adapted from: Louise Hart, *Gathering A/C/E* 2019/20, pg. 48.

**Opening Hymn: VU #371 *Open My Eyes, That I May See***  
(please stand as you are able)

### **Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

ONE: In the pews or at home, remind us, O God,  
that worship is more than showing up.

**ALL: Inspire us, O Comforter,  
that our hearts may recognize  
your presence in worship.**

ONE: Through prayers and readings, remind us, O God,  
that worship is more than sharing words.

**ALL: Awaken us, O Teacher,  
that our hearts may receive  
your word for us.**

ONE: In this worship space, remind us, O God,  
that worship is not something just to be observed.

**ALL: Engage us, O Holy Mystery,  
that our hearts and lives  
may proclaim and enact  
our relationship with you.**

Adapted from: Gill Le Fevre, *Gathering A/C/E* 2022-2023, page 44.

### **WORD**

**Hymn: MV #179 *Sisters Let Us Walk Together***  
(verses 1 & 2) (please remain seated)

### **Recognition of Jackie Orola Ravino**

**Hymn: MV #179 *Sisters Let Us Walk Together***  
(verse 3) (please remain seated)

### **Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:17-37**

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: *Walking in God's Way***

**Choral Offering: *How Then Shall I Live***  
- Words and Music by Linnea Good

### **RESPONSE**

**Minute for Mission: *Your Generosity Accompanies  
Grandmothers***

### **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** (306-750-8925)

**Hymn: VU #567 *Will You Come and Follow Me***  
(please stand as you are able)

### **Commissioning & Benediction**

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

### **Postlude**

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# Prayers for Turkey and Syria



GOPA-DERD team continues to intensify in the areas most affected by the earthquake.

On Monday, February 6, a massive magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit southern Turkey and neighbouring Syria. The United Church of Canada is deeply concerned for all those affected, particularly the thousands who have lost their homes and their lives.

The United Church is in contact with [partners in the region](#) to learn more about the impact and understand how best to offer our support. Please include the people of Turkey, Syria, and other countries affected in your prayers, and consider making a donation to the [emergency relief fund](#).

## Prayers Cycles

### Ministerial

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

### Living Skies Regional Council

Broadview Whitewood

Regina: Broadway

Cabri, Hazlet