



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, February 26, 2023

Lent One

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Music Director: James McLaughlan
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Reader: Brenda Gruetzner



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*“You have to leave the city of your comfort and
go into the wilderness of your intuition.
What you’ll discover will be wonderful.
What you’ll discover is yourself.”*
— Alan Alda

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #7 *Gather Us In* (sung twice)
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: We are gathered here
on the first Sunday in Lent.

ALL: It is a season of mystery.

ONE: It marks the time of Jesus’ journey
in the wilderness.

ALL: Can we go with him on this journey?

ONE: Yes, Jesus invites us on this journey
to discover more about ourselves,
to discover more about his way,
and to discover the kingdom of heaven.

**ALL: Come, let us go with Jesus
on this Lenten journey.**

Adapted from: Fern Gibbard, 2019, GatheringWorship.ca

Worship Schedule

Lenten Movie Series

Mar 5	<i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor (Potluck & AGM)
Mar 12	<i>The Fablemans</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor (PIE Day)
Mar 19	<i>Tár</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 26	<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Black History Month Blog: I Am Black?



In the latest Black History Month blog, Inzwirrashe Munikwa seeks to understand Black culture and her Zimbabwean roots beyond the labels the world may apply to her. Read the [full blog](#).

[Image credit: courtesy of Inzwirrashe Munikwa]

Opening Hymn: *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*
VU #108 (verses 1,2,4,5) (please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

Holy Mystery, Ground of our Being,
we come together
from different places.

Some of us arrive content,
others muddled and fractured,
and others somewhere between.

We aren't sure what we will find
wandering through this wilderness.

We pray you will guide us,
making room for all we are,
and inviting us to be renewed.

May we embrace your joy
and find hope rising anew.

From: *Seasons of the Spirit* SeasonsFusion Lent/Easter 2023, pg 24.

Prayer of Jesus – VU p. 916 A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter

WORD

Hymn: MV #65 *When We Are Tested*
(verses 1 & 2) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #65 *When We Are Tested*
(verses 3 & 4) (please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

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: *Everything Everywhere All at Once*

Choral Offering: *A Wilderness Wandering People*
- Words and Music by Jim Strathdee

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Your Generosity Revitalizes Languages*

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

Take our gifts, loving God
and use them for your work.

Take our very selves—
our hopes, our dreams
our plans, our wonderings—
and use them too,

to make your world a better place. Amen.

From: *Seasons of the Spirit* SeasonsFusion Lent/Easter 2023, pg 26.

Prayers of the People (306-750-8925)

Hymn: VU #595 *We Are Pilgrims*
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #430 *God Be in My Head*

Postlude _____

Scripture Readings for March 5, 2023

Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 (VU p. 842)
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17

Prayers Cycles

Ministerial

St. Stephen's Anglican Church
Living Skies Regional Council
Carnduff , Colleston, Steep Creek