



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, February 5, 2023

5th after Epiphany

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Music Director: James McLaughlan
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Organist: Patti McCleary
Reader: Stacie Noble-Wiebe



Worship Schedule

Lenten Movie Series

Feb 12	<i>Walking in God's Way</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
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

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*"Your work is to discover who you are
and then with all your heart
give your light to the world."*

— Jennifer Williamson

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

Call to Worship

ONE: God calls us:

to faith, to service, to generosity,

**ALL: to life in all its fullness,
to joy
and to thanksgiving.**

ONE: As we gather on this day,
may our hearts be open
to receive that call

**ALL: and to know
that we are worthy
to answer.**

Written by: Heather McClure, *Gathering A/C/E 2022/23*, pg. 44.

Get Ready for Black History Month!



The celebration of February as Black History (or African Heritage) Month begins this week. Officially recognized in Canada since 1996, this is a time to honour the contributions and struggles of peoples of African descent. Check out all the latest [anti-racism webinars](#), [books](#), and [newsletters](#) available. Be sure to also read our [Black History Month worship blogs](#) on the worship page.

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Opening Hymn: VU #409 *Morning Has Broken*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
God of Light, radiant with creative power,
you place in each of us
a spark of your glory.
Liberate the impulse within us
to open ourselves to you
to follow your guiding spirit,
to shine with compassion for others,
and to act for the well-being of all.

Adapted from: Rod Sykes, *Gathering A/C/E* 2016/17, pg. 43.

WORD

Hymn: VU #585 *Jesus Bids Us Shine*
(verses 1 & 2) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: VU #585 *Jesus Bids Us Shine*
(verse 3) (please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 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: *This Light of Mine*

Choral Offering: *This Little Light of Mine*
– Lyricist & Composer Unknown
Arranged by Pamela Bye

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Fighting Racism at Home and Abroad:*
Adele Halliday's Work

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

Closing Hymn: VU #646 *We Are Marching*
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

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

Postlude

Scripture Readings for February 12, 2023

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8 (VU p. 838 Part One)

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Prayers Cycles

Ministerial

Restoration House

Living Skies Regional Council

Beechy, Big River, Borderlands (Coronach, Rockglen)

Biggar, Bradwell: Knox,

Bridging Waters (Codette, Nipawin)

Anti Racism and The United Church



Workshops

February 7 and March 7, 2023

Part 1 with [Selam Debs](#) on **February 7, 2023, 9:00** (SK Time)

Part 2 with [Rev. Alcris Limongi](#) on **March 7, 2023, 9:00 AM**
(SK Time)

[Click here for full details.](#)

Brought to you by Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils, and the three regions have covered all costs. If you have any questions about this workshop or your readiness to participate in it, contact Thérèse Samuel at tsamuel@united-church.ca.