



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Music Director: James McLauchlan
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Reader: Lynn Anderson



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection: *Easter by Joyce Kilmer*

*The air is like a butterfly
With frail blue wings.
The happy earth looks at the sky
And sings.*

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: VU #412 *This Is the Day* (verses 1 & 3)
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: In a garden, in the gloom before dawn,
we receive a truth for all ages.

ALL: He is not here but has risen!

ONE: Christ has risen over death,
risen for each one of us today.

**ALL: Risen in our hearts
risen in our lives.**

ONE: We proclaim our joy:

ALL: Hallelujah!

Christ has risen!

Adapted from: Gill LeFevre, *Gathering L/E* 2023, p. 44.

Worship Schedule

Apr 16	<i>Patch Adams in Swift Current</i> - Rev. Ray Friesen	
Apr 23	<i>Earth Sunday</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Apr 30	<i>St. Andrew's Sunday</i>	- Shawn Sanford Beck
May 7	<i>Asian Heritage Month</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Recent Events:

Monday, April 3 – Boh Ciona Funeral Service at First U.C.

Saturday, April 8 – Fred Switzer & Margaret Switzer
Graveside Service at Veteran's Plot, Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Moderator's Easter Message 2023



In her [Easter message](#), Moderator Carmen Lansdowne invites us to set our minds to that radical hope that is the Easter promise. In that hope, what can we imagine together?

Opening Hymn: VU #155 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*
(words by Juanita Austin) (please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

God of New Life,
On this Easter morning we come
celebrating the good news
of your transformational love.
Together we join our voices in praise;
with rejoicing we lift up our hearts;
in gratitude we offer our thanks;
united we celebrate your presence.
We are your people and
hallelujah is our song.

Adapted from: Diane Bennett-Jones, *Gathering*, L/E 2014, page 42.

The Lord's Prayer (sung version – VU #959)

WORD

Hymn: VU #958 *Halle, Halle, Halle*
(please remain seated)

Celebration of Baptism

Avery Jane Burnett
Emmy Hope Keenleyside

Hymn: VU #958 *Halle, Halle, Halle*
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

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: *Awe & Great Joy*

Choral Offering: VU #164 *The Day of Resurrection*

RESPONSE

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

In words of compassion & reconciliation,
Christ is alive!
In acts of peacemaking & peace bringing,
Christ is alive!
In support for those living with fear and despair,
Christ is alive!
In gifts for the local church and for a needy world
Christ is alive!

May we be evidence of Christ's vitality. Amen.

Adapted from: David Sparks, *Gathering* L/E 2023, p. 50.

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

Closing Hymn: VU #166 *Joy Comes with the Dawn*
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #974 *Amen*

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for April 16, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalms 16
1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31

Prayers Cycles

Ministerial

Alpine Church of God
Living Skies Regional Council
Elrose
File Hills (Wanikapew)
Shamrock

An Easter Message from Mission & Service



At Easter, we
celebrate new
life and rebirth.

Through [Mission & Service](#), we celebrate the world that God created and we acknowledge our responsibility to care for that earth. Your Mission & Service gifts help support those working to respond to climate change, while looking toward solutions for the future.

[Make a gift today](#), and transform the world we live in.

[Celebrate the earth God has made](#)—and have a blessed Easter!