



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, May 21, 2023

Pentecost

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



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*Spirit filled souls are ablaze for God.
They love with a love that glows.
They serve with a faith that kindles.
They serve with a devotion that consumes.*
— Samuel Chadwick

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: VU #381 *Spirit of Life*
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Take a breath.
Let the presence of God's Spirit fill your lungs.
(*Everyone takes a breath.*)
Feel the warmth of this place and
the presence of those around you
in this community of faith.

**ALL: We can feel the warmth of God's fire
burning in us,
the power of God's Spirit
moving in this space!**

ONE: By the wonder of the Spirit,
we are called to celebrate the presence of God!

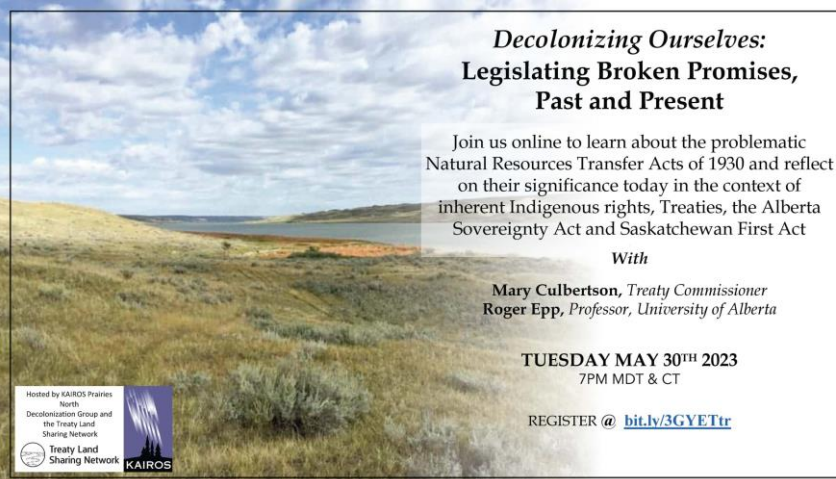
Adapted from Éric Hébert-Daly, *Gathering Pentecost 1* 2023, page 27.

Worship Schedule

May 28	<i>Camping Sunday</i>	- Outreach Committee (with recognition of graduates)
June 4	<i>UCW Service of Closure</i>	- United Church Women (with communion)
June 11	<i>Worship in the Park</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor (with potluck lunch)
June 18	<i>Indigenous Day of Prayer</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Recent Events

Saturday, May 20 – Carl Parchman Graveside Service at
Hillcrest Cemetery



***Decolonizing Ourselves:
Legislating Broken Promises,
Past and Present***

Join us online to learn about the problematic
Natural Resources Transfer Acts of 1930 and reflect
on their significance today in the context of
inherent Indigenous rights, Treaties, the Alberta
Sovereignty Act and Saskatchewan First Act

With
Mary Culbertson, Treaty Commissioner
Roger Epp, Professor, University of Alberta

TUESDAY MAY 30TH 2023
7PM MDT & CT

REGISTER @ bit.ly/3GYETtr

Hosted by KAIROS Prayers
North
Decolonization Group and
the Treaty Land
Sharing Network

Treaty Land
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Opening Hymn: VU #388 *Spirit Dancing*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life,
you warm our hearts
with love, kindness and patience.
You burn in our hearts
with compassion for all.
You ignite our hearts
for truth and justice.
Fill our hearts this day
that we may serve
your world in love.

Adapted from Karen Pryznyk, *Gathering Pentecost 1 2023*, page 27.

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

WORD

Hymn: MV #156 *Dance with the Spirit* (walk, move)
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time – Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #156 *Dance with the Spirit* (sing)
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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: *Wind & Flame*

Choral Offering: VU #209 *Fire of God, Undying Flame*

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Rainbow Camp Welcomes*
2SLGBTQIA+ Young People and Allies

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

Give us, Holy Spirit,
the attitude of the church at Pentecost.
May we
respond joyfully, accept freely,
praise thankfully, give generously,
share widely, and work tirelessly.
And may our all that we offer
be used in the creation
of your kindom on Earth. Amen.

Adapted from: David Sparks, *Gathering L/E 2014*, p. 26.

Prayers of the People (306-750-8925)

Hymn: MV #150 *Spirit God, Be Our Breath*
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: *Go In Love*

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for May 28, 2023

Jeremiah 29:11-14
1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Prayers Cycles

Ministerial

East Side Church of God
Living Skies Regional Council
Gray, Grenfell
Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park

8th Canadian Forum on Inter-Church Dialogues In-Person Gathering in Edmonton, AB



The 8th Canadian Forum on Inter-Church Dialogues (CFICD) will take place June 8-10, 2023, in-person in Edmonton, AB, and [it's not too late to register](#).

The theme of this triennium's CFICD – [V̓ᑦᐃᑦ / Pêhonân – A Gathering-Waiting Place: Voices of Indigenous Followers of Jesus in the Ecumenical Movement](#) —calls us into a deeper understanding and appreciation of the wisdom, gifts, and experiences that Indigenous followers of Jesus can offer the ecumenical movement. Too often, their voices have been absent from "official" Canadian ecumenical dialogues.

This gathering will explore how the churches in Canada can engage in as rich an ecumenical discussion as the diversity of this land and its peoples calls for.

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