

FIRST UNITED CHURCH Swift Current, SK Sunday, May 28, 2023

Camping Sunday



Leading Worship: Outreach Committee Music Director: James McLauchlan Pianist: Mary Anderson Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

"We now no longer camp as for a night, but have settled down on earth and forgotten heaven." — Henry David Thoreau, Walden

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

Call to Worship

- ONE: We are summoned here by our holy God,
- ALL: who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.
- ONE: From home and community, from camps and classrooms,
- ALL: we are called into God's presence.
- ONE: Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft-spoken and outspoken,
- ALL: we hear our names being called to join in worship.
- ONE: This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people:
- ALL: unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts. Let us worship together!

Worship Schedule

June 4UCW Service of Closure
(with communion)- United Church Women
(with communion)June 11Worship in the Park
(with potluck lunch)- Rev. Annette TaylorJune 18Indigenous Day of Prayer
Pride Sunday- Rev. Annette TaylorJune 25Pride Sunday- Affirming Ministry

General Secretary Michael Blair 2023 Honorary Doctorate Recipient



In May, General Secretary Michael Blair received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Vancouver School of Theology (VST).

The Honorary Doctor of Divinity is awarded to individuals who make significant contributions through integrating theology and the practice of ministry.

The Rev. Blair will join a prestigious group of HDD recipients, including Dr. Marie Wilson; the Rev. Dr. Chris Ferguson; the Rev. Dr. Lois Wilson C.C., OOnt.; Archbishop Desmond Tutu; and a total of 59 leaders since the award was established in 1981. Find out more on the <u>VST website</u>. Congratulations! We are grateful for your leadership. **Opening Hymn: MV #41** *O Beautiful Gaia* (please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer Creator God, we hear your wilderness cry from the depth of our souls and long to answer. We seek you out in the silence and beauty of nature, in the sound of the birds, the rustling trees, the lapping water, and the crunching of branches. Our eyes and ears are opened to your presence in the newness of day, the brisk air, and the colours of the sunrise. Be with us in this time of storytelling and memories, guiding us along the forest's edge into oneness with you.

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

WORD

Hymn: MV #37 *Each Blade of Grass* (verses 1 & 2) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time

Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #37 Each Blade of Grass (verse 3) (please remain seated)

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

ONE: We read these texts so that in them we may find wisdom for life.

ALL: May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.

Reflection: Back to the Future of Camping

Choral Offering: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy

RESPONSE

Recognition of Graduates Ella Toles, Sophia Ravino, Ruth Orola

Camp Shagabec Video

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

Hymn: VU #289 It Only Takes a Spark (please stand as you are able)

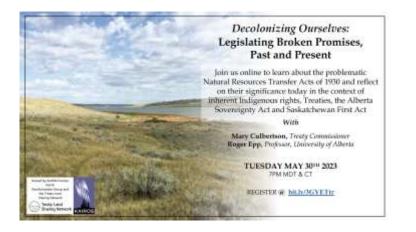
Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: Go In Love

Postlude

Prayers Cycles

<u>Ministerial</u> Family Community Church <u>Living Skies Regional Council</u> Gull Lake: Knox, Regina: Heritage Hudson Bay Larger Parish, Humboldt Hurricane Hills (Carry the Kettle)



Contemplative Arts Festival in Saskatoon June 1-4, 2023

<u>The Contemplative Arts Festival</u> of Saskatoon (CAFS) is a community initiative of <u>Grosvenor Park United</u> <u>Church</u>, an Affirming Ministry and a congregation that's served Saskatoon and the world for over 60 years. We are excited to announce 25 <u>Artists</u> and Speakers, 12 <u>Workshops</u>, 3 <u>Discussion Panels</u>, 4 <u>Special Events</u> and many <u>free Drop-in</u> activities.