



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, June 11, 2023



### Worship in the Park

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor  
Music Director: James McLauchlan  
Reader: Pat Palmer

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection

*"People who are in good health don't need a doctor;  
sick people do. Go and learn the meaning of the words,  
'I desire compassion, not sacrifices.'  
I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners."  
— Matthew 9:12 & 13*

#### Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

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

#### Call to Worship

ONE: Welcome to the beauty of creation.  
**ALL: We come to celebrate the Spirit of Life.**  
ONE: Welcome to this place of healing.  
**ALL: We bring our pain and insecurities with us.**  
ONE: Welcome to this place of hope.  
**ALL: We bring our joy and our compassion.**  
ONE: Welcome to this place of prayer & singing.  
**ALL: We come knowing that we are welcome  
just as we are!**

Adapted from: Tori Mullin, *Gathering Pentecost 1 2023*, page 37.

**Opening Hymn: MV #28 *God of the Bible***  
(please stand as you are able)

### Worship Schedule

Jun 18	<i>Indigenous Day of Prayer</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Jun 25	<i>Pride Sunday</i>	- Affirming Ministry
Jul 2	No Service	
Jul 9	<i>A Love Song</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

#### Recent Events:

June 10, 2023 – Roy Farnsworth Memorial Service  
– Pennant Hall

### Pride: Celebrating Our 2SLGBTQIA+ Communities



As June begins, Pride celebrations take place in communities across the country. We wish the Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ community a happy Pride Month and encourage allies to renew their commitment to fighting alongside the 2SLGBTQIA+ community for a future where all can live in freedom and security.

[Read the full statement.](#)

## Opening Prayer

Holy Mystery,  
Ground of our Being,  
you bring new life  
to tired souls.  
You offer comfort  
to frightened spirits.  
You encourage us  
when we are perplexed.  
In all these ways  
we are restored.  
Open our hearts  
to receive your call,  
so that we may be  
transformed by your Spirit.

Adapted from: Laura Turnbull, *Gathering* Pentecost 1 2023, page 42.

## The Lord's Prayer

### WORD

#### Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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: *Healing the Sick*

#### Choral Offering: *A Song of Love*

- Words by Walter Farquharson  
Music by Ron Klusmeier

### RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Your Generosity Inspires Healing  
through Storytelling*

## Offering Invitation

### Prayer of Dedication

You have given us all our gifts,  
and we are thankful.  
You have shown us how our gifts may be used,  
and we are challenged.  
You are with us as we put our gifts to work  
in the way of Jesus  
and we are blessed. Amen.

Adapted from: David Sparks, *Gathering* Pentecost 1 2023, page 50.

### Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: MV #144 *Like a Healing Stream*  
(please stand as you are able)

### Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #577 *I've Got Peace like a River*

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### Readings for June 18, 2023

1 Kings 3:5–12  
Matthew 19:16–22

### Prayer Cycles

#### Ministerial

First United Church

#### Living Skies Regional Council

Ituna: Lakeside

Kindersley: St. Paul's

Kinistino

## Broadview Launches First Podcast



[Broadview Magazine](#) has released its first podcast [And Also Some Women](#)—a series about biblical women from a feminist perspective.

The podcast comprises five episodes that run approximately 30 minutes, and analyze different biblical women like Eve, Esther, and Mary Magdalene. It also features guest interviews with notable feminist theologians from across North America, including Diana Butler Bass, Amy-Jill Levine, Dorothy Lee, Sister Barbara Reid, Reuven Kimmelman, River Cook Needham, Susan Ackerman, and Amy Kalmanofsky.

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