



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, June 18, 2023



### Indigenous Day of Prayer

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor  
Music Director: James McLauchlan  
Reader: Faye Jordan

#### GATHERING

##### Moment for Reflection

“O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds,  
and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me!  
I am small and weak, I need your strength and wisdom.”  
— from a *Traditional Native American Prayer*

##### Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

##### Lighting the Christ Candle

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

##### Call to Worship

ONE: In the presence of the Creator,  
**ALL: we gather this day in a spirit of gratitude**  
ONE: Gratitude for all the gifts of creation—  
**ALL: the air, the water, the land, and  
the change of seasons as we move into summer.**  
ONE: Gratitude for all the creatures  
**ALL: that walk, swim, fly, and crawl on this earth.**  
ONE: We gather seeking wisdom  
**ALL: to help us live a generous and compassionate life.**  
ONE: We gather seeking wisdom  
**ALL: to help us live together with respect and humility.**  
ONE: We gather seeking hearts and minds  
**ALL: that are open to new possibilities  
and new beginnings.**

#### Worship Schedule

June 25	<i>Pride Sunday</i>	- Affirming Ministry
July 2	No Service	
July 9	<i>A Love Song</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
July 16	<i>The Sower &amp; the Seed</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

#### Recent Events:

June 16, 2023 – Ken Benson Memorial Service at First U.C.  
June 17, 2023 – Peter Rymes Graveside Service

### Moderator's Message for National Indigenous Peoples Day 2023



In her [message for National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) (Wednesday, June 21), Moderator Carmen Lansdowne offers many ways you can celebrate or mark this day.

For more on Indigenous justice, culture, and reconciliation news, consider subscribing to the [Living into Right Relations e-newsletter](#).

[Video credit: The United Church of Canada]

**Opening Hymn: MV #141 *We Are All One People***  
(please stand as you are able)

**Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

ONE: We give thanks and

ALL: we seek to take the path of love.

**WORD**

**Scripture: 1 Kings 3:5-12**

**Matthew 19:16-22**

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: *The Possibility of New Beginnings***

**Choral Offering: *This Thread I Weave***

– Words by Erena Murray

Music by Jim Strathdee

**RESPONSE**

**Minute for Mission: *The Path Toward Healing:***

***Murray Pruden's Work*** (video)

**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** (306-750-8925)

**Closing Hymn: VU #679 *Let There Be Light*** (vs 1,2,3,5 & 6)  
(please stand as you are able)

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Closing: VU # 964 *Go Now in Peace***

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Prayers & Sermon Ideas for this service were taken from the *Possibility of New Beginnings* by Debbie Hubbard

<https://united-church.ca/worship-theme/indigenous-worship>

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**Lectionary Readings for June 25, 2023**

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

**Prayer Cycles**

Ministerial

Full Gospel Church

Living Skies Regional Council

Kelliher: St. Paul

Kerrobert

Saskatoon: Knox