



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, September 3, 2023

Deep Spirituality

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Reader: Darliss Tallman



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

UCC Call/Mission: *Deep Spirituality
Bold Discipleship
Daring Justice*

UCC Vision:
*Called by God, as disciples of Jesus,
The United Church of Canada seeks to be
a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse,
courageous, hope-filled communities
united in deep spirituality,
inspiring worship, and daring justice.*

<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/our-call-and-our-vision>



Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: *Holy Spirit, Live in Me*

— Written & Sung by Jim Strathdee

Call to Worship

ONE: God is here.
Calling us
to be present and awake.

**ALL: Calling us to a life
restored and renewed
in the Spirit.**

ONE: Encouraging us
through word, prayer,
silence...and song.

**ALL: We come,
with skills and talents,
needs and questions.
Willing to experience
this holy time
once again.**

ONE: Come let us celebrate
the presence of God!

Adapted from: Jim McKean, *Gathering* Pentecost 1 2023, page 37.

Opening Hymn: MV #150 *Spirit God, Be Our Breath*

– Words & music by Bruce Harding
Sung by Bruce & Cheryl Harding

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 spirits to receive your call,
so that we might be transformed
and thus do our part
in the transformation of the world.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

WORD

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

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: *Deep Spirituality*

Hymn: *Make Spaces for Spirit*

– Words by Shirley Erena Murray. Music by Jean Strathdee
Sung by Jean Strathdee

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Sending People to School—Together: Patti Talbot's Work* (video)

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy Mystery,
accept these gifts as thanksgiving
for your many blessings.
Accept these gifts as our commitment
to your kindom.
Accept these gifts
and accept our lives.
Amen.**

Adapted from: Frances Flook, *Gathering Pentecost 1*, page 39.

Prayers of the People (306-750-8925)

Closing Hymn: VU #436 *Abide with Me*

– Sung by Linnea Good

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: *Take This Heart of Mine*

– Music & Lyrics by Jim Strathdee,
Sung by Jean & Jim Strathdee & friends

Postlude

Prayers Cycles

Ministerial

Swift Current Ministerial Chaplaincy

Living Skies Regional Council

St. Andrew's College

Northern Lakes (Loon Lake, Paradise Hill, St Walburg)

Worship Schedule

Sep 10	<i>Welcome Back Sunday</i> (with potluck)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Sep 17	<i>Creation Sunday</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Sep 24	<i>Mission & Service Sunday</i>	- Outreach Committee
Oct 1	<i>Truth & Reconciliation</i> (with communion)	- Affirming Ministry Group

Lectionary Readings for September 10, 2023

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149 (VU pp.872-873)

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Please note that the Church office is closed on Monday, September 4 for the Labour Day holiday.
- Tuesday, September 5 – Social Convenors, 10:00 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge
- Tuesday, September 5 - Affirming 5:00 p.m. in the Chinook room
- Wednesday, September 6 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. on Zoom
- Wednesday, September 6 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, September 7 – Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge

- Sunday, September 10 – Welcome Back Sunday, followed by Potluck lunch in the gym

Action in Support of the Voices at Camp Marcedes and Camp Morgan



[Photo: Courtesy of George Robinson]

At 4:00 p.m. (CDT) on September 5, leaders of four major church denominations will join the voices of supporters in urging provincial political leaders to give the go-ahead to search the Prairie Green Landfill for the remains of two missing Indigenous women, Morgan Harris and Mercedes Myran. Harris has been missing since May 2022, and Myran since March of last year.

[Read the full news story](#), and find out what you can do to help.

Learning to Connect: Youth Survey



[Image credit: The United Church of Canada]

The United Church of Canada is trying to learn from young people (ages 13-35 years) about what encourages a sense of connection to the church and what blocks their involvement. Please [share this survey](#) with Canadian young people that you know—they don't need to be currently connected with a church in any way!

In appreciation of participating and sharing the survey link, two individuals will be randomly selected to receive a \$25 dollar gift card (options provided).

Sask UCC Women Gathering

The Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women are gathering in Esterhazy on **Saturday, September 30th, 2023 from 9:30 to 3 p.m.** All women of the United Church, not just UCW members, are invited to join us.

Our Guest Speaker will be Dawn Weber (from around Esterhazy). The registration form will be out soon.

Communities of faith in Living Skies are asked to send the names of any woman of the United Church who has passed away in the last year and a little bio. We will be doing a memorial service for these women. Please send these to Barb Bradley at greenview@sasktel.net.