



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Music Director: James McLauchlan

Pianist: Barbara Mirau

Organist: Patti McCleary

Reader: William Davis



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

"It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves"

— Edmund Hillary

*"My father considered a walk among the mountains
as the equivalent of churchgoing."*

— Aldous Huxley

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #115 *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New* (sung twice)
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Come to worship
a God of Love.

**ALL: We come
to listen, to pray
and to sing.**

ONE: Come to experience
the presence of the Sacred.

**ALL: We come
to be inspired
to lives of faith and action.**

ONE: Come to be renewed
by the power of the Spirit.

**ALL: We come
to be transformed
personally, spiritually and
as a community.**

Inspired by: Bill Steadman,

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/come-worship-god-come-be-inspired>

Opening Hymn: VU #410 *This Day God Gives Me* (verses 1,2,3)
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
Holy Mystery, Ground of our Being,
we gather here today
on Transfiguration Sunday.

We waited
through the days of Advent
for the arrival of your child, Jesus.

We celebrated
the light of his coming
at Epiphany.

Three days from now,
we begin our journey
through the season of Lent.

But today, on this special Sunday,
we pray that we may be
renewed by your Spirit and
transformed by your grace
so that we will be prepared
to follow Jesus
through the days of Lent.

Amen.

Adapted from: Fern Gibbard,
<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/transfiguration-sunday>

WORD

Hymn: VU #703 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (verses 1 & 2)
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: VU #703 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (verse 3)
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:2-9

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: *Mountain Peak Moments*

Choral Offering: *Jesus, on the Mountain Peak*
– Words by Brian Wren, Music by Ron Klusmeier

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Small Gifts with BIG Impact*

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God,
transform all the gifts
that we offer
for your work in this world.

Transfigure us in our giving
that we might know your joyful presence
through the spiritual practice
of committed offerings.

Amen.

Adapted from: Gord Dunbar,

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/generous-god-transform-what-we-offer-morning>

Prayers of the People (306-750-8925)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #969 *Amen*

Postlude

Recent Events

Friday, February 9 – Irene Corney Funeral Service at First United Church

Saturday, February 10 – Susan Spenst Graveside Service at Hillcrest Cemetery

Prayer Cycles

Ministerial

Alpine Church of God

Living Skies Regional Council

Crossroads United (Maryfield, Wawota)

Cut Knife, Davidson

Regina: Eastside

Lectionary Readings for February 18, 2024

Genesis 9:8–17

Psalms 25:1–10

1 Peter 3:18–22

Mark 1:9–15

Worship Schedule

(Lenten Movie Series)

Feb 18	Lent One – <i>Oppenheimer</i> (with baptism)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Feb 25	Lent Two – <i>Past Lives</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 3	Lent Three – <i>American Fiction</i> - (with potluck lunch & AGM)	Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 10	Lent Four – <i>Barbie</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 17	Lent Five – <i>The Holdovers</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Black History Month



February is Black History (or African Heritage) Month. Officially recognized in Canada since 1996, this is a time to honour the contributions and struggles of people of African descent.

This week we are starting things off with the latest [Black History Month blog](#) from the Rev. Franklyn James. Stay tuned for more Black History Month blogs dropping each week in February!

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The Mod's Book Squad



On February 22, join Moderator Carmen Lansdowne and special guest Andrew Winston as they discuss his book [Net Positive: How Courageous Companies Thrive by Giving More Than They Take](#).

Register and learn more about the [The Mod's Book Squad](#) and all [upcoming titles](#), including the new Lenten devotional, [Act/Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis](#), on March 5.

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