



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

Sunday, April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Music Director: James McLaughlan

Pianist: Mary Anderson

Organist: Patti McCleary

Reader: Lynn Anderson



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*“Each of us has a unique part to play
in the healing of the world.”*

— Marianne Williamson

“The wound is the place where the Light enters you.”

— Rumi

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

Call to Worship

ONE: In our Easter joy,

**ALL: we find a God of new starts
and fresh growth.**

ONE: In our Easter grace,

**ALL: we find a God of renewal
and transformation.**

ONE: In our Easter faith,

**ALL: we find a God to carry us
from shadows and despair.**

ONE: In our Easter peace,

**ALL: we find a God to nurture us
in hope and love.**

ONE: In our Easter lives,

**ALL: let us celebrate God’s presence,
now and forevermore.**

Adapted from: Gill Le Fevre,

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/our-easter-joy-we-find-god-new-starts-and-fresh-growth>

Opening Hymn: VU #166 *Joy Comes with the Dawn*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**God of all grace,
Spirit of all love,
Christ alive in our lives—
open us
to the possibilities of today,
we pray.**

**Give us
minds that wonder,
hearts that seek,
and lives that offer healing—
so that wherever we go,
we might live out
Jesus' invitation
to "touch me and see!"**

Alleluia! Amen!

Adapted from: Richard Bott,

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/god-all-grace-spirit-all-love-christ-alive-our-lives>

Hymn: MV #162 *Christ, within Us Hidden* (verses 1, 2 & 3)
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #162 *Christ, within Us Hidden* (verses 4 & 5)

WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36b-48 (The Inclusive Bible)

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: *Touching Christ's Wounds*

Choral Offering: *Where Does Compassion Start*

- Words by Shirley Erena Murray and Music by Colin Gibson

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Supporting a Rights-Based Approach to Growing Food*

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy Mystery,
you transform lives:
the hungry are fed;
the lonely are befriended; and
the broken are restored to wholeness.**

**May these gifts
be part of the transformation.
We offer them with humility and hope. Amen.**

Adapted from: Laura J. Turnbull,

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/blessed-healer-you-transform-lives>

Prayers of the People

**Closing Hymn: MV #171 *Christ Has No Body Now but Yours*
(please stand as you are able)**

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #974 *Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!*

Postlude

Recent Events

Saturday, April 13 – Gordon James Memorial Service at Riverview Village Estates

Prayer Cycles

Ministerial

First United Church

Living Skies Regional Council

Humboldt

Indian Head: St. Andrew's

Ituna: Lakeside

Kerrobert, Kinistino

Lectionary Readings for April 21, 2024

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23 (VU pp. 747-749)

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Worship Schedule

Apr 21	<i>Earth Day</i>	- Earthcare Partners
Apr 28	<i>Camping Sunday</i>	- Outreach Committee
May 5	<i>Red Dress Sunday</i>	- Affirming Ministry Group
May 12	<i>Christian Family Sunday</i> (with communion)	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Pray for Mother Earth On Earth Day!



Join an online [Earth Day Prayer Circle on April 22](#), with Indigenous Minister, the Rev. Tony Snow.

Reflect and acknowledge the climate crisis with interfaith voices.

Details:

- April 22nd, 5:00 p.m. CST
- Join via [Zoom](#)
- Part of [Together for the Love of Creation Earth Week \(April 21-28\)](#)

Can't make it? Find more [Earth Week events](#) or add your own!

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A Conversation with the Family of Morgan Harris



Morgan Harris and Mercedes Myran were murdered in 2022, and their bodies were left in a Winnipeg landfill.

Morgan and Mercedes' families and communities have been calling for a search of the landfill ever since.

Join us on **Sunday, April 21, 4:00–5:30 p.m. CST**, when Indigenous Ministries and Justice of The United Church of Canada is hosting Cambria Harris, daughter of Morgan Harris, and family member Melissa Robinson, for a conversation about where things stand today, and the challenges faced by the families and loved ones of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two Spirit, Transgender, and Gender-Diverse+ peoples (MMIWG2S+).

[Register today, and find out more.](#)

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