



FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Swift Current, SK
Sunday, May 12, 2024



Christian Family Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Music Director: James McLauchlan
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Organist: Patti McCleary
Reader: Faye Jordan

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*“You can share your testimony in many ways,
by the words you speak, by the example you set,
by the manner in which you live your life.”*

– Thomas S. Monson

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: Parents and children,
siblings and cousins,
grandparents and greats—
aunts, uncles, and more—

ALL: family in God’s love.

ONE: By adoption, by choice,
by birth, or just because—

ALL: family in God’s love.

ONE: People well known,
people never met,
people near, people far—

ALL: family in God’s love.

ONE: Come as you are.
Come as you will be.
Come and worship,
all you, who are...

ALL: family in God’s love!

Written by: Richard Bott

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/we-are-family-gods-love>

Opening Hymn: VU #574 *Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

Holy Mystery, free us
to perceive your whispers of direction.
Loving Spirit, open us
to act with compassion saturated with love.
Ground of our Being, equip us
to go into the world
to make a difference in your name.
In all we learn, in all we embrace,
in all we do,
may we know we are not alone,
for you are with us always.

Adapted from Gord Dunbar.

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/do-you-experience-voice>

The Lord's Prayer

WORD

Hymn: VU #575 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (live, work, pray)
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: VU #575 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (sing)
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-11a, 15-19 (The Inclusive Bible)

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: *Living a Testimony of Love*

Choral Offering: *Wind Beneath My Wings*
– words & music by Jeff Silbar and Larry Henley,
based on the version sang by Bette Midler.

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Blessing of the Prayer Shawls*

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>

Celebration of Communion (text: 306-750-8925)

Closing Hymn: VU #586 *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection*
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

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

Postlude

Worship Schedule

May 19	<i>Pentecost</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
May 26	<i>Children's Sunday</i> (at Kinsmen Park with potluck lunch)	- Sunday School
Jun 2	<i>Pride Sunday</i>	- Affirming Ministry Group
Jun 9	<i>99th Anniversary of The UCC</i>	- Leadership Team

Recent Events

Saturday, May 11 – June Wiskar Graveside Service at Hillcrest Cemetery

Prayer Cycles

Ministerial

Restoration House

Living Skies Regional Council

Kyle

La Ronge

Lafleche (Lafleche, Limerick)

Lectionary Readings for May 19, 2024

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (VU p. 827 Part Two)

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Get Inspired During Asian Heritage Month



Honour the rich contributions of Asian Canadians this month and beyond!

On May 28, join us for an online discussion: "*Stories and Narratives: God-Talks from Diasporic Filipino Ministers in The United Church of Canada*" on [CHURCHx](#).

Explore stories from the experiences of Filipino ministers serving communities of faith within The United Church of Canada.

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Be Part of History: Celebrate 100 Years of the United Church!



A momentous occasion is upon us! The Centennial Commemoration year launches [with a kick-off worship service](#) on **June 9, 2024**. Witness the launch of a year-long celebration of deep spirituality, bold discipleship, and daring justice.

- **Date:** Sunday, June 9, 2024
- **Time:** 4:00 p.m. ET (2:00 p.m. in SK)
- **Location:** Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. E, Toronto ([livestreamed too!](#))

General Secretary the Rev. Michael Blair will deliver the powerful message.

To keep up on all the celebrations, sign up for our new [Centennial Newsletter](#).

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