



**FIRST UNITED CHURCH**  
Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, May 26, 2024



## **Worship in the Park**

Leading Worship: The Sunday School  
Music Director: James McLauchlan

### **GATHERING**

#### **Moment for Reflection**

*Tranquility, serenity, and beauty of nature  
taught me how to find happiness  
in life and in the silence of eternity.  
Debasish Mridha*

#### **Land Acknowledgement & Announcements**

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Gathering Hymn:** VU #296 *This is God's Wondrous World*  
(please remain seated)

#### **Call to Worship**

**God is creative and self-giving,  
generously moving  
in all the near and distant corners of the universe.  
Nothing exists that does not find its source in God.  
Our first response to God's providence is gratitude.  
We sing thanksgiving.**

**Finding ourselves in a world of beauty and mystery,  
of living things, diverse and interdependent,  
of complex patterns of growth and evolution,  
of subatomic particles and cosmic swirls,  
we sing of God the Creator,  
the Maker and Source of all that is.**

**Each part of creation reveals unique aspects of God the Creator,  
who is both in creation and beyond it.  
All parts of creation, animate and inanimate, are related.  
All creation is good.  
We sing of the Creator,  
who made humans to live and move  
and have their being in God...**

**In grateful response to God’s abundant love,  
we bear in mind our integral connection  
to the earth and one another;  
we participate in God’s work of healing and mending creation.**

—A Song of Faith: A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada, 2006

**Choral Offering: The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer presentation**

## **WORD**

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

**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.**

**Congregation will join together and sing, “*Jesus Loves Me*”** (please stand if you wish to. Also, we will sign the chorus)

**Reflection:** *Taking a Sacred Pause*

## **RESPONSE**

**Offering Invitation**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn:** VU# 291 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (please stand if you wish to)

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Closing:** VU #649 *Walk with Me* (*refrain X2*)

**Postlude**

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## Worship Schedule

Jun 2	<i>Pride Sunday</i>	- Affirming Ministry Group
Jun 9	<i>99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The UCC</i>	- Leadership Team
Jun 16	<i>Choir Sunday</i>	- First U.C. Choir
Jun 23	<i>Eve – The First Woman</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

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## Prayer Cycles

### Ministerial

St. Stephen's Anglican Church

### Living Skies Regional Council

Lanigan

Leader

Long Lake (Regina Beach)

## The Moderator's Pentecost Message



[Image credit: The United Church of Canada]

In her Pentecost message, Moderator Carmen Lansdowne shares how Spirit is interceding in our lives, stoking the winds of change. May we feel the winds of God on our faces and the flames of Pentecost bringing us together in celebration and unity. [Watch](#), share, and [download the video](#) to play in your service.

## Asian Heritage Month Webinar: Filipino Faith Journeys from United Church Ministers



This May, dive deeper into [Asian Heritage Month](#) with a special webinar on **May 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. ET**. [Stories and Narratives: God-Talks from Diasporic Filipino Ministers in The United Church of Canada](#) will explore the faith journeys and experiences of Filipino ministers.

Our panellists will share how immigrating to Canada shaped their understanding of God and offer insights into Filipino theologies. You'll gain a richer perspective on themes like:

- Women in ministry
- Christian activism in Filipino diasporic communities
- Emerging Filipino theologies

This is a unique opportunity to learn and be inspired by the experiences of Filipino ministers. [Register now](#) and broaden your understanding of faith and heritage during Asian Heritage Month!

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## Church Leaders March to Parliament Hill for Gaza Ceasefire



Canadian church leaders are culminating a Week of Action with a [pilgrimage to Parliament Hill](#) tomorrow, May 22.

They'll urge Canada to support a ceasefire, humanitarian aid, and [a just peace in Israel and Palestine](#).

Join the call for peace! Read the [full news story](#).

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