



FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Swift Current, SK
Sunday, June 16, 2024



A Celebration of Music

Leading Worship: Senior Choir
Music Director: James McLaughlan
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*“Music gives our worship wings.
It soars and flies, it beckons heaven come down to us.”
— Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove*

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #180 *Sing, Sing Out*
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Music is something we both hear and sing when we worship.
The call of God reaches the depths of our hearts
with special power through music.

ALL: Let us listen for the call of God.

ONE: Our singing expresses with special power
the deepest response of our hearts to God.

ALL: Let us worship our God with a song!

*(Adapted from Importance of Music in Worship by Hoyt Hickman and
VU pg.820 Make a Joyful Noise by Linnea Good)*

Opening Hymn: VU #509 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

**Loving God, who receives our prayers,
be with us now,
as we offer our praises, our petitions,
and our very selves.**

**You lift us up,
lead us in right ways,
and give us a new song to sing.**

**Open our spirits today,
that we may be attentive to your voice
in our hearts. Amen.**

Adapted from Wanda Winfield.

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/loving-god-be-us-and-give-us-song-sing>

The Lord's Prayer: *(sung version)*

Special Music: *Jesus and Me*

(Marie Andrews, Janet Keene, James McLauchlan & Harold Lapuz)

WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:15 (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: *Music in the Soul*

Choral Offering: VU #232 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Rainbow Camp is Welcoming*

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

With open hearts and open spirits,
we come to you,
O Ground of our Being.

With all that we have and
all that we are,
we share our gifts.

May your Spirit
fill our words,
fill our actions,
fill our lives.

Amen.

Adapted from: Richard Bott

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/open-hearts-and-open-spirits-we-come-you-god-most-holy>

Offertory Hymn: MV #191 *What Can I Do?*

(please stand as you are able)

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: MV #41 *O Beautiful Gaia*

(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: *Celtic Blessing*

– Traditional, transcribed by Pete Seeger,
Choral Arrangement by James McLauchlan

Postlude

Worship Schedule

Summer Series – Women of the Hebrew Scriptures

Jun 23	<i>Eve – The First Woman</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Jun 30	no service on the long weekend	
Jul 7	<i>7th after Pentecost</i>	- Norma Hain
Jul 14	<i>Hagar – Seeing the Sacred</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Prayer Cycles

Ministerial

Victory Family Church

Living Skies Regional Council

Maidstone

Mamohkamatowin

Melfort

Scripture Reading for June 23

Genesis 2:15 – 3:21

99th Anniversary Service — “Seeds for Our Future”— Kicks Off Centennial Year



On Sunday, June 9, The United Church of Canada kicked off its Centennial celebrations with a special service at Metropolitan United Church in Toronto. Hundreds attended in person and online. The service featured diverse music, a reading in Mohawk, and a special message from the Moderator. The full service is available to watch on our [YouTube channel](#), and you can read more about the joyful day in the [recent news post](#).

The 100th anniversary is June 10, 2025. Stay up to date on plans and celebrations by [signing up](#) for the Centennial Newsletter and checking the [Centennial webpage](#). If your community of faith is planning a special 100th event, please [share it with us!](#)

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The Mod's Book Squad with Alf Dumont



Join Moderator Carmen Lansdowne and her guest, Alf Dumont, on June 27 for the next Mod's Book Squad featuring Dumont's memoir [The Other Side of the River: From Church Pew to Sweat Lodge](#).

Alf Dumont served in The United Church of Canada as a minister for over 40 years. In his book he challenges the church to re-examine the theology behind its past decisions around residential schools and Canada's responsibilities and relationship with Indigenous people.

Enroll once and gain access to the entire Mod's Book Squad series at [CHURCHx](#).

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