



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, February 9, 2025

5th after Epiphany

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Music Director: James McLaughlan
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Reader: Eileen Elkington



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." —Frederick Buechner

*"Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it,
I must listen to my life telling me who I am." —Parker Palmer*

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #21 *Open Our Hearts* (sung twice)
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Come, the Holy Mystery
is casting a line and
hopes to catch us,

**ALL: hooking us in
with unending grace.**

ONE: God calls us, and then

**ALL: sends us out
to fish for others.**

ONE: Jesus says, "Come follow me,"

**ALL: and our hearts leap
in both fear and wonder.**

ONE: We have been called

**ALL: and we are here
ready to be reeled in
by the Essence of Love.**

Adapted from: Susan Lukey, *Gathering Advent/Christmas/Epiphany* 2018, page 42.

Opening Hymn: VU #563 *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer - led by Zion Orola

Holy Mystery,
in response to your call,
we are gathered here today.
We come with all our worries.
We come unsure of what we can offer.
May this time together fill our hearts.
May the songs energize our faith.
May the prayers feed our souls.
So that we can be your disciples
and share your love with the world.

Written by: Annette Taylor.

The Lord's Prayer

WORD

Hymn: MV #161 *I Have Called You by Your Name* (verses 1 & 3)
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #161 *I Have Called You by Your Name* (verse 4)
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11 (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: *Fishing with Grace*

Choral Offering: *Here I Am Lord*
- by Daniel Schutte

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Farming Against the Odds*

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

Take the gifts we offer,
not as a means to rescue others,
but as a means for relationship and for connection,
as a means to build bridges between strangers,
as a means to embody the good news. Amen

Adapted from: Gord Dunbar, Gathering, Pentecost 2 2015, page 40.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #567 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: *Go In Love*

– Words by Nancy Price and Don Besig, Music by Don Besig

Postlude

Worship Schedule

Feb 16	<i>Luke's Beatitudes</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Feb 23	<i>Loving our Enemies</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 2	<i>Transfiguration</i>	- Norma Hain
Mar 9	<i>Conclave (Lent One)</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Prayer Cycles

Ministerial

Full Gospel Church

Living Skies Regional Council

Glenavon (Glenavon, Moffat)

Goose Lake (Harris, Zealandia)

Lectionary Readings for February 16, 2025

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1 (VU p. 724)

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Call for Nominations!



Who are the leaders, thinkers and doers that can guide the church following General Council 45? Nominations are now open for members of the General Council Executive, Theology and Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee, Nominations Committee and more. Opportunities with the Office of Vocation coming soon.

Learn more about these and other [volunteer opportunities](#).
Deadline for applications is Thursday, March 20.

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Celebrate International Development Week!



Join us in celebrating International Development Week across Canada now until Feb 8, 2025! International Development Week shines a spotlight on work being done to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals—a global roadmap to create a healthier, more equitable world for people and the planet by 2030. The United Church of Canada has a rich legacy of working with others in solidarity to reduce inequality, hunger, and poverty while striving

for justice and peace. How is your Community of Faith addressing some of these or other global challenges locally? [Learn more, and share your stories!](#)

Looking for inspiration? We are sharing stories throughout the week, check out the latest ones below, and stay tuned for more!

- [Building Resilience and Food Security in Zimbabwe](#)
- [Solidarity in the Time of Climate Change](#)

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