



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, March 16, 2025



### Lent Two

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

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection

*"Well I'm the enemy of treason  
Enemy of strife  
I'm the enemy of the unliv'd meaningless life  
I ain't no false prophet  
I just know what I know  
I go where only the lonely can go."  
— from False Prophet by Bob Dylan (2020)*

#### Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

**Gathering Hymn: MV #14 *Where Two or Three Are Gathered*** (sung 4 times)  
(please remain seated)

#### Call to Worship

ONE: Come to this space  
to continue your Lenten journey.

**ALL: We have come  
with our fears and uncertainties**

ONE: Come to this space  
to understand what you are being called  
to do and to be.

**ALL: We come as disciples of Christ,  
as messengers of the Good News.**

ONE: Come to this space  
to receive the inspiration and the courage  
of the Spirit of Love.

**ALL: We come to hear the call of the Holy Mystery.  
We come to celebrate the presence of God.**

Written by: Annette Taylor, 2025.

**Opening Hymn: VU #117 *Jesus Christ is Waiting***  
(please stand as you are able)

**Opening Prayer** - led by Zion Orola

**Holy Mystery,  
in these days of Lent,  
we come to find  
meaning for our lives,  
purpose for our community, and  
good news to share with others.**

**May this journey help us  
discover new understandings and  
open us to new ways to serve.**

**May we be  
released from fear and  
encouraged to act with boldness.**

Adapted from: Bill Steadman, *Gathering Lent/Easter 2025*, page 32.

**The Lord's Prayer**

## **WORD**

**Hymn: MV #106 *I Am the Dream*** (verses 1 & 2)  
(please remain seated)

**Community Learning Time** - Melanie Davis

**Hymn: MV #106 *I Am the Dream*** (verse 3)  
(please remain seated)

**Scripture Reading: Luke 13:31-35** (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: *A Complete Unknown***

**Choral Offering: *Blowin in the Wind***  
– words & music by Bob Dylan

## **RESPONSE**

**Minute for Mission: *Affirming Ministry Group***

**Offering Invitation**

**Prayer of Dedication**  
**Holy Mystery,  
may our gifts of money, time and talent  
be a catalyst for truth about**

how we are blessed and  
how we are broken and  
how we are given to your world  
for hope and healing.

**Amen**

Adapted from: Karen Boivin, 2022

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/loving-god-may-these-gifts-be-catalyst-truth>

## **Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn: VU #639 *One More Step Along the World I Go***  
(please stand as you are able)

## **Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Closing: MV #214 *May God's Sheltering Wings***

## **Postlude**

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## **Worship Schedule**

### *Lenten Movie Series*

Mar 23	<i>Nickel Boys</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 30	<i>Wicked</i> (potluck for Patti McCleary)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Apr 6	<i>I'm Still Here</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Apr 13	<i>Palm Sunday</i> (with communion)	- Rev. Annette Taylor

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## **Prayer Cycles**

### Ministerial

St. Steven's Anglican Church

### Living Skies Regional Council

Kennedy (Kennedy, Langbank)

Kelliher: St. Paul

Kerrobert

## **Lectionary Readings for March 23, 2025**

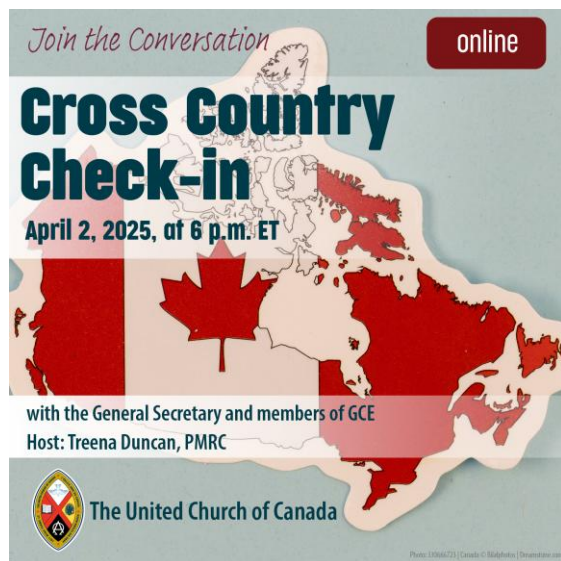
Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8 (VU p. 781)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

## Join the Conversation: Live Cross Country Check-in with Rev. Michael Blair



Join us for another [Cross-Country Check in](#) on April 2 at 4:00 p.m. CST, for a live, insightful conversation with General Secretary, Rev. Michael Blair, and General Council Executive guests. Following their final meeting, we'll dive into the key decisions and dialogues. Our previous Cross-Country Check In drew over 330 participants, and we're eager to connect with you again! This is your chance to directly engage with leadership, whether you're listening or participating actively. The General Secretary and GCE members are ready to hear from you, live and in

real time. All are welcome. [Register now on CHURCHx](#).

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## PIE Day 2025: Sing Out Proud!



PIE Day is March 14, a time to celebrate the full inclusion of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ people in communities of faith and beyond, across Canada.

[The theme for PIE Day 2025 is "\*\*Sing Out Proud\*\*"!](#) With Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ rights under threat, it's more important than ever to show your support. Join Moderator Carmen Lansdowne as we highlight the

incredible affirming work happening across the United Church and lift our voices in song. Discover the inspiring submissions from the PIE Day song contest and find ways to take action. Visit [PieDay.ca](#) and [Affirmunited.Ause.ca](#) to learn more..

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