



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

Leading Worship: Norma Hain
Music Director: James McLauchlan
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Organist: Patti McCleary
Reader: William Davis



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

"The only constant in life is change. If you experience difficulty in adapting to change, remember that you are not alone. Everything changes and nothing remains still; you cannot step twice into the same stream." (Heraclitus, Greek Philosopher, 500 B.C.)

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: VU #395 *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.

ALL: I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

ONE: I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning of contemplation.

ALL: I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.

ONE: I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation.

ALL: I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.

ONE: I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication.

ALL: I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.

Adapted from: MV 157 I am a Child.

Opening Hymn: VU #291 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer - led by Elynn Bilanski

Because you live O Spirit of Life,

the garden of the world has come to flower;

the darkness of the unknown is speckled with light. The Wisdom of the Universe gushes around us like a flowing stream. We lift hopeful hearts to this day and we will rejoice.

Written by: N.J. Hain

Lord's Prayer

WORD

Hymn: MV #92 *Like a Rock* (sung twice)
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: MV #92 *Like a Rock* (sung twice)
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Exodus 34:29-35, Luke 9:28-36 (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: *Change and Transformation*

Choral Offering: *Fresh Winds of the Spirit*
– by David N. Davenport

Hymn: VU #371 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Hope for Mothers, Strength for Families*

Offering Invitation

Hymn: MV #182 *Grateful* (refrain 2x)

Prayer of Dedication

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along the way. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

ONE: Gracious God we give you thanks for your unconditional love;

ALL: A love that never rejects, a love that conquers all.

ONE: May we recognize ourselves as your children,
worthy beings, made in your image.

ALL: May we use our hearts and minds, hands and feet and work for a just society.

ONE: May we know our purpose and give and receive kindness and caring and love.

ALL: We pray for neighbours, for strangers who are not yet our friends.

ONE: We pray for our family, our community, our country and for the world.

ALL: May our words bring encouragement and be life-giving to all we meet.

Silent prayer...

ONE: Creator God hear our prayers. Amen.

Closing Hymn: MV #150 *Spirit God, Be Our Breath*

Blessing:

Bless us as we go about our daily life.

Choosing kindness and speaking life.

Living a song of joy.

Choral Closing: *Go In Love*

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

Postlude

Worship Schedule

Lenten Movie Series

Mar 9	<i>Conclave</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 16	<i>A Complete Unknown</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 23	<i>Nickel Boys</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Mar 30	<i>Wicked</i>	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Prayer Cycles

Ministerial

Restoration House

Living Skies Regional Council

Regina: Heritage

Humboldt

Hurricane Hills (Carry the Kettle)

Ituna: Lakeside

Lectionary Readings for March 9, 2025

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (VU pp. 807-809)

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Call for Nominations!



The 18 members of the General Council Executive provide guidance and strategic oversight to the church between meetings of the General Council. Consider joining the current Moderator, the soon-to-be-elected Moderator, the General Secretary and the other dedicated, forward-thinking and creative members of this hard-working group—or nominate someone you believe would be a great leader. Learn more about these [opportunities to serve](#).

Deadline: Thursday, March 20, 2025

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Living Out Our Faith: Sharing Your Discipleship Story



In a rapidly changing world, what does it mean to be a disciple of Christ today? The Theology Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee invites you to participate in a special project! We're collecting stories about discipleship to learn more about how individuals and communities are living out their faith. How are you deepening your faith and connecting with others? Share your unique journey of faith.

[Learn more and share your story!.](#)

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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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