FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Swift Current, SK
Sunday, June 21, 2026

Fourth After Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. Kelly Osgood
Music Director: James McLauchlan
Pianist: Mary Anderson
Reader: Linda Stumpf

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle and Rainbow Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #12 *Come Touch Our Hearts* *(verses 1-3)*
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship *(inspired by Psalm 27)*

ONE: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
ALL: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!
ONE: The one thing we ask of Yahweh, the thing we seek most—
ALL: Is to live in the presence of God all the days of our lives, delighting in the beauty of God's community.
ONE**:** People of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving, for God is among and within us!
ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: VU #415 *God We Praise You for the Morning*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Recognition of Graduate: Boone Bender

Hymn: VU #958 *Halle, Halle, Halle*
(please remain seated)

WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:24-39
(NLT 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: ***Take Up Your Cross***

Choral Offering: ***Listen to the Dark*** *(verses 1 & 2)*
- words and music by Jim Strathdee

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: ***Campfires and Confidence***

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #82 ***A Light Is Gleaming***
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: ***Go in Love***
- Nancy Price/Don Besig

Postlude

Worship Schedule

June 28	*Fifth after Pentecost* *John 1:35 – 5, Behold the Lamb of God*	- Rev. Kelly Osgood
July 5	*Sixth after Pentecost* *John 2:1-11, The Wedding at Cana*	- Rev. Kelly Osgood
July 12	*Seventh After Pentecost* *John 3:1-21, Nicodemus*	- Rev. Kelly Osgood
July 19	*Eighth after Pentecost* *John 4:1-42, The Woman at the Well*	- Rev Kelly Osgood

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Prayer Cycles

Ministerial

Victory Family Church

Living Skies Regional Council

MAMOHKAMATOWIN

Rosetown

Spirit Hills (Central Butte, Tugaske)

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day with New Worship Resources!

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Sunday, June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. On this day of celebration and prayer, let us give thanks for the cultures, languages, teachings, and spiritual gifts of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples.

New 2026 worship resources are available for the Indigenous Day of Prayer, also observed on June 21, to help communities mark this meaningful day in worship and reflection.
Check out the new worship resources

New Blog! At Mohawk Institute, a Legacy of Pain Becomes a Place of Education and Healing

[Image credit: Wikimedia/Algoma University Archives]
Following a visit to the Mohawk Institute—the longest-running residential school in Canada—Moderator Kimberly Heath reflects on the building's transformation from a site of profound harm to a place of education, justice, and healing. Now operated as a museum by the Woodland Cultural Centre, the former residential school preserves the stories of survivors and serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing work of truth, reconciliation, and learning.

Read the Moderator's reflection on the importance of preserving these spaces and continuing the journey toward reconciliation.