FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Swift Current, SK
Sunday, July 12, 2026

Seventh After Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. Kelly Osgood
Music Director: James McLauchlan
Pianist: Zoe Ginter
Reader: Fran Jackson

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #7 *Gather Us In*
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship
ONE: For God so loved the world;
ALL: the prairie dogs, the bison, the northern pike and the people.
ONE: For God so loved the world;
ALL: in success and failure, in sickness and health, in mediocrity and extraordinary.
ONE: For God so loved the world;
ALL: that he became one of us, suffered along with us, and offers new life to us.
ONE: For God so loved the world;
ALL: let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: MV #156 *Dance with the Spirit*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

WORD

Hymn: VU #376 *Spirit of the Living God*
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-21
(NLT Bible)
ONE: O God, you have given us these words to be a light on our paths.
ALL: May we hear them in a new way today.

Reflection: ***Born of the Spirit***

Choral Offering: MV #150 ***Spirit God, Be Our Breath***

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: ***Reverence and Service***

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #380 ***She Comes Sailing on the Wind*** *(verses 1 – 4)*
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #974 ***Amen!***

Postlude

Worship Schedule

July 19	*Eighth after Pentecost* *John 4:1-42, The Woman at the Well*	- Rev Kelly Osgood
July 26	*Ninth after Pentecost* *John 4:46 – 54, Healing Stories*	- Rev. Kelly Osgood
Aug 2	No service on the long weekend	
Aug 9	*Eleventh after Pentecost*	- Linda Stumpf

Recent Events
Thursday, July 2 – Laureen Falk Celebration of Life Service at First United Church
Saturday, July 4 – Ronald Baldwin Graveside Service at Mount Pleasant Burial Park

Prayer Cycles
Ministerial
Alpine Church of God
Living Skies Regional Council
Saskatoon: St. Martin's
Spiritwood Partners in Faith (SM)
Springwater (closing)
Strasbourg

Deepen Your Intercultural Ministry This Fall

This fall The United Church of Canada invites you to deepen your engagement with anti-racism, cultural diversity, and faithful intercultural ministry through our upcoming online course Becoming An Intercultural Church.

Led by Rev. Dr. Hyuk Cho, participants will reflect on intercultural theology, examine questions of power and diversity, and learn practical approaches for fostering intercultural ministry within their congregations.

Held on Wednesdays, from October 14–November 25, 2026
6:00–7:30 p.m. ET

Individuals and congregational teams are welcome. We encourage groups to participate together to support shared learning and local application.
Register today!

New Blog! Do I Belong in Church?

[Image credit: Shara Cooper]

After years away from church, writer Shara Cooper shares her unexpected journey back to a United Church community. She was drawn into The United Church of Canada through a simple invitation to community—and discovered a congregation committed to inclusion, decolonization, and belonging.

Following the death of her mother, Shara reflects on how her understanding of faith has evolved: that divinity exists within all of us, that church is about finding one another as much as finding God, and that we are called to care for each other. Read Shara's moving reflection on grief, belonging, and rediscovering spiritual community in the full blog.
Read the full blog