FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Swift Current, SK
Sunday, July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. Kelly Osgood
Music Director: James McLauchlan
Pianist: Zoe Ginter
Reader: Karen Bender

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #7 ***Gather Us In*** (sung 2x)
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Jesus says: "Come, all who are thirsty.
Come and taste the living water that I shall give."
ALL: Dip your hands in the stream, refresh body and soul.
ONE: Drink from the Living Water.
Depend on it.
ALL: For this water will never run dry.
ONE: Jesus says: "Come, all who are thirsty."
ALL: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: VU #222 ***Come, Let Us Sing***
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

WORD

Hymn: MV #87 ***Water Flowing from the Mountains***
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: John 4:5-42
(NLT Bible)
ONE: May these words be a light unto our path.
ALL: May we hear them in a new way today.

Reflection: ***Living Water***

Hymn: VU #626 ***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: ***Shared Wonder***

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #326 ***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #974 ***Amen!*** (sung 3x)

Postlude

Worship Schedule

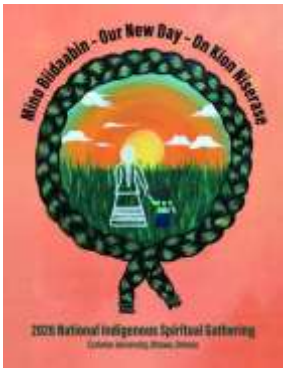
July 26	*Ninth after Pentecost* *John 4:46 – 54, Healing Stories*	- Rev. Kelly Osgood
Aug 2	*No Service on the long weekend*	
Aug 9	*Eleventh after Pentecost*	- Linda Stumpf
Aug 16	*Twelfth after Pentecost*	- Karen Messer

Prayer Cycles

Ministerial
Bridgeway Community Church

Living Skies Regional Council
Saskatoon: St. Paul's
Star City
Stoughton: Grace
Swift Current: First

National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering to Meet on Traditional Algonquin Land



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From July 15–19, Indigenous communities of faith from across the country will gather on traditional Algonquin territory at Carleton University in Ottawa for the National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering (NISG), the triennial gathering of the Indigenous Church in The United Church of Canada.

Under the theme **"Our New Day,"** participants will gather for worship, ceremony, learning, and community building. A significant milestone will be the establishment of the National Indigenous Council, marking an important step in the Indigenous Church's continuing journey of self-determination. The gathering will also celebrate ministry milestones, including the ordination of Brian George.

As the gathering begins, we invite the wider church to hold all participants, leaders, Elders, and communities in prayer. Follow **Indigenous Ministries** and **The United Church of Canada** on social media throughout the week for updates, stories, and photos.
Read the full news story

After a Fire, 100 Tables Helped Kamloops United Find Church Beyond a Building

[Image credit: Rev. Dr. Michael Caveney]
After a devastating fire and a year of rebuilding, Kamloops United Church found a new way to connect with its community through the 100 Tables initiative, part of *A Place at the Table*. A bright red picnic table set outside the church became a gathering place for conversation, hospitality, and stories of faith, reminding everyone that the church is more than a building. Read the new blog and learn how this simple act of welcome helped strengthen community, inspire resilience, and shape a renewed vision for ministry. *Interested in organizing 100 Tables at your community of faith? Contact 100tables@united-church.ca.* Read the full blog