FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Swift Current, SK
Sunday, July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. Kelly Osgood
Music Director: James McLauchlan
Pianist: Connie Sykes
Reader: Fran Jackson

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #96 ***And When You Call for Me*** *(sung 2x)*
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship
ONE: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.
ALL: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in Spirit and in Truth.
ONE: God's healing love is for you and for all people everywhere.
ALL: Through Jesus Christ, may we learn to trust in God's love and guidance.
ONE: The living Christ is with us.
ALL: Praise the Lord!

Opening Hymn: VU #402 ***We Are One*** *(verses 1, 2 & 4)*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

WORD

Hymn: VU #619 ***Healer of Our Every Ill***
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: John 4:46-54
(NRSV Bible)
ONE: May these words be a light unto our path.
ALL: May we hear them in a new way today.

Reflection: ***Miracles and Faith***

Hymn: VU #660 ***How Firm a Foundation***

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: ***Pursuing Peace***

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: MV #161 ***I Have Called You by Your Name***
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

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

Postlude

Worship Schedule

Aug 2	No Service on the long weekend	
Aug 9	*Eleventh after Pentecost*	- Linda Stumpf
Aug 16	*Twelfth after Pentecost*	- Karen Messer
Aug 23	*Thirteenth after Pentecost*	- Ray Friesen

Prayer Cycles

Ministerial
Christ the Redeemer Parish

Living Skies Regional Council
Speers
Tantallon
Tisdale: St. Paul's
Moose Jaw: Trinity

Prayers for Wildfire-Affected Communities

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As wildfires impact lands and peoples across the country, we ask you to join us in prayer:

- For safety and protection for people, animals, and communities in harm's way
- For strength and resilience among evacuees, fire fighters, and other first responders
- For those affected by the smoke of the wildfires which is impacting air quality across broad distances
- For acknowledgement and action on the ongoing impact of climate change caused by human activity, and renewed attention toward an energy transition
- For healing and renewal for the land and all of creation

Let us pray—

Creator,
Wildfires are engulfing homes,
leaving us vulnerable, exposed, open:
We come to you, broken, seeking wholeness…
In our time of need provide for us those things that will bring restoration to all of creation,
the gifts of the spirit
and the gift of each other.
Above all, remind us always of your steadfast and abiding love.
Amen

The United Church of Canada has created a new handbook for communities of faith to prepare for any major emergency or disaster which is available for download.