



FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Swift Current, SK
Sunday, September 6, 2026



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. Kelly Osgood
Music Director: James McLauchlan
Pianist: Connie Sykes
Reader: Marilyn Durant

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: MV #4 *All Who Are Thirsty*
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Let us gather as God's people, seeking the Light of God.

ALL: **When we look for God, we see Jesus.**

ONE: Come and see the love God has given us.

ALL: **We come and see what it means to be children of God.**

ONE: Come, trusting that Christ Jesus is the light.

ALL: **With joy, we come to see the Christ.**

Opening Hymn: MV #10 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

WORD

Hymn: MV #21 *Open Our Hearts*
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: John 9:1-41
(NLT Bible)

ONE: May these words be a light unto our path.

ALL: **May we hear them in a new way today.**

Reflection: *Blaming and Healing*

Hymn: VU #266 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: *Leaders in the Making*

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #642 *Be Thou My Vision*
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #967 *Amen*

Postlude

Worship Schedule

Sept 13	<i>Welcome Back Sunday</i> Sunday School Registration	- Rev. Kelly Osgood
Sept 20	<i>Creation Time 2</i>	- Rev. Kelly Osgood
Sept 27	<i>Orange Shirt Day</i>	- Rev. Kelly Osgood
Sept 27	<i>Covenanting Service</i> followed by potluck supper	- Rev. Tom Melvin

Prayer Cycles

Ministerial

Family Community Church

Living Skies Regional Council

Our Ministry Education Institutions

White Bear

Abbey, Lancer/Portreeve

A Back-to-School Blessing



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Loving God,
parent and companion to us all,
hold the precious children and young people
in your loving care as they begin a new school year.

Nurture in them a sense of wonder.
Keep their curiosity alive,
their imaginations wide,
and their hearts open to the joy of discovering something new.

May the spark of creativity, possibility, and adventure
continue to burn brightly within them.
Give them courage to ask questions,
freedom to dream,
and confidence to become who they are meant to be.

Surround them with people who see their worth and meet them with kindness, patience, and respect.

Protect them from harm,
from cruelty and fear,
and from words and ideas that diminish the dignity of others.

And may they be a source of kindness, courage,
and welcome to those around them.

Bless them as they learn and grow,
as they make friends, face challenges,
discover their gifts, and find their own light.

May they shine in the ways that are uniquely theirs—and
may every child be surrounded by the love, care, and hope they need to flourish.

Amen