



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, May 1, 2016

### 6<sup>th</sup> of Easter

Leading Worship: James Worrell

Reading: Kay Blydo

Pianist: Mary Anderson

### GATHERING

#### Moment for Reflection

*It is not where you were*

*But where you are*

*And where you can be (James Worrell)*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Sharing of Peace/Prelude

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle – Celebrating Jesus

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

#### Call to Worship

One: We come before God to praise.

**ALL: For God is the creator of all things.**

One: We come before God to petition.

**ALL: For God hears our prayers and knows our needs.**

One: We come before God to celebrate.

**ALL: For God cares and loves us.**

**Opening Hymn: MV #30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

## Worship Schedule

May 8	Christian Family Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
May 15	Pentecost	- Rev. Annette Taylor - with No-Pork Potluck Lunch & Muslim Speaker
May 22	Membership Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor

## U.C.W. Annual Plant and Muffin Sale

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

**9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**First United Church Gym**

**Muffin & Coffee/Tea - \$4.00 per person**



**Donations of indoor and outdoor plants**

**would be very much appreciated!**

**Please drop off plants the day**

**before the sale.**

**Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Loving God, as we gather in worship, we gather in anticipation –  
Expecting to learn from your world,  
Expecting to find peace in your presence,  
Expecting to enjoy the company of your people,  
Expecting to reach for a new vision,  
As we travel this life journey. Amen.

**Hymn: MV #179 Sister's Let Us Walk Together**

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Save us, God, from ambitions that are unworthy,  
From successes that may trample on others,  
From thoughts that disturb our minds,  
From words that poison the air,  
And from desires that could lead to disaster.  
Pardon us where we have strayed,  
And guide us onto a pathway that brings inner peace. Amen.

**WORD**

**Hymn: A Place in the Choir (verses 1-4)**

*Bill Staines*  
(please remain seated)

**Community Learning Time** - Melanie Davis

**Hymn: A Place in the Choir (refrain, verse 4, refrain)**

*(please remain seated)*

**Reading: Mark 5: 21-34**

We read this text so that in it we may find wisdom for life.  
**May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.**

**Reflection: The Power of Touch**

**Choral Offering: You're Not Alone (Gospel Band)**

*Mavis Staples & Jeff Tweedy*

**RESPONSE**

**Minute for Mission: Ecumenical Chaplaincy**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn: VU #537 Your Work, O God Needs Many Hands**

**Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)**

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed,  
By the gifts that we give.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn: A Wilderness Wandering People - Jim Strathdee**

**Blessing**

That you will be wise  
To each season and time;  
That every hour  
Will open its purpose to you;  
That you will know  
The need of the moment  
And give yourself to it  
With abandon  
And with grace (Jan L. Richardson)

**Choral Closing: VU #298 When You Walk from Here**

*(sung twice)*

**Postlude**

---

**Scripture Readings for May 8, 2016:**

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97 (VU p. 817)  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26