



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, July 29, 2018

Temptation

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Reader: Sharon Veer
Pianist: Sharon Veer
Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

"The greatest temptations are not those that solicit our consent to obvious sin, but those that offer us great evils masking as the greatest goods."

— Thomas Merton, *No Man Is an Island*

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: VU #382 Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(verses 1 & 2) (please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: We have gathered to worship God.

ALL: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

ONE: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

ALL: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

From: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 21.

Worship Schedule

Aug 5	11 th after Pentecost	- Emily Bamforth
Aug 12	12 th after Pentecost	- Sandra Watson
Aug 19	"Eternal Life"	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Aug 26	"God's Dwelling Place"	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Lectionary Readings for August 5, 2018

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

Psalm 51:1-12 (VU pp.776-777)

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

General Council 43 Enacts Remits



[GC43 enacted all seven remits](#) that originated at GC42 three years ago. [Remit enactment](#) represents one of the biggest structural changes in the history of The United Church of Canada. Before reaching the floor of GC43, a strong majority of pastoral charges and presbyteries voted in favour of the remits.

The [Calls to the Church](#) were also enacted.

Hymn: VU #402 We Are One
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer

Holy Mystery, Ground of Our Being,
we come to you with hungry hearts,
waiting to be filled:
waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence;
waiting to be filled with the touch of your spirit;
waiting to be filled with new energy for service.
Come to us, we pray.
Be with us.
Touch us.
Empower us as your people
that we might act in the world for your sake.

Adapted from: *Book of Worship The United Church of Christ*, page 528.

The Prayer of Jesus

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.
[For the kingdom and the power
and the glory are yours forever. Amen]

From: Matthew 6:9b-13 (NRSV) with additional ending [in brackets]
that was included in some ancient authorities.

WORD

Hymn: VU #115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert
(verses 1,2 &3) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time

Hymn: VU #115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert
(verse 4) (please remain seated)

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

ONE: We read this text so that in it we may find wisdom for life.

ALL: May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.

Reflection: Lead Us Not into Temptation

Hymn: MV #65 When We Are Tested *(using tune VU #642)*
(please remain seated)

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Compassion in Life and Death

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #540 Grant Us God, the Grace
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication

We present these gifts,
and the gifts of our own living,
sharing and action,
so that all may be fed. Amen.

Adapted from: Beth W Johnston, *Gathering Pentecost 1* 2018, page 45.

Celebration of Communion

(Chant: MV #202 Bread for the Journey)

Closing Hymn: VU #481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #964 Go Now in Peace *(sung twice)*

Postlude

News from the 43rd General Council



The 43rd General Council just finished in Oshawa, ON.

You can find [all the news](#) on the GC 43 website,

watch the [livestream](#), or

check out our [social media channels](#).