



**FIRST UNITED CHURCH**  
**Swift Current, SK**  
**Sunday, April 14, 2019**



**Palm and Passion Sunday**

Leading Worship: Sunday School and  
 Youth Group  
 Pianist: Mary Anderson  
 Organist: Patti McCleary

**GATHERING**

**Moment for Reflection:**

*"They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"*  
 -John 12:13

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Sharing of Peace/Prelude**

**Lighting of the Candle**

**Gathering Song: This Little Light of Mine** (*please remain seated*)

**Call to Worship**

ONE: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**ALL: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

ONE: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**ALL: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

ONE: He comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us. In faith and love, may we follow the humble ruler, who comes riding on a donkey.

**Worship Schedule**

Apr 19	Good Friday (10:30 am)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Apr 21	Sunrise Service at 7am	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Apr 21	Easter Sunday	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Apr 28	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	- Norma Hain

**Recent Events:**

Friday, April 12 – Mary Reddekopp Memorial Service  
 Saturday, April 13 – Katherine Wedhorn Funeral Service

**The United Church of Canada Act**



The amendments to The United Church of Canada Act passed the House of Commons unanimously on April 2, 2019, making official the most significant changes to the church's structure since its founding in 1925.

Because The United Church of Canada was founded by an act of Parliament, changes to the governing structure require parliamentary approval. Bill S-1003 contained the amendments to the church's governing structure that were voted on at the 2015 General Council in Corner Brook, N.L., then confirmed by the majority of pastoral charges (congregations) and presbyteries and enacted by the 2018 General Council in Oshawa, Ont.

[Read all about it!](#)

**ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

### **The Palm Parade and Opening Song**

ONE: On this Palm Parade to be led by children and youth, those who are willing and able to join are welcome. This parade symbolizes our commitment to seek peace and to follow Jesus' journey from Palm to Passion.

**Song: He'll Be Riding on a Donkey When He Comes**

### **Opening Prayer and Jesus' Prayer**

ONE: Let us pray,

**ALL: God of our journey, as we open ourselves to reflect again on the Passion of Christ, help us look deep into our hearts, to see our own fears and hopes, our own pain and power. May we truly be not just a fickle crowd, but a community of faith and compassion, open to your Spirit within and among us, we pray...**

*(Juanita Austin, F.U.C.,)*

### **WORD**

**Song: VU #365 Jesus Loves Me (verses 1 & 2)**  
*(please remain seated)*

**Community Learning Time** - Melanie Davis

**Song: VU #365 Jesus Loves Me (verse 3) (please remain seated)**

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 19:13-15, 21:1-3, 7-9**

ONE: We read these texts so that in them we may find wisdom for life.

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

**Reflection: Blessed**

**Choral Offering: He Comes in the Name of the Lord**  
- words & music by Mary Kay Beall

### **RESPONSE**

**Minute for Mission: Equip a Child for School**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn: MV # 191 What Can I Do?**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**As we offer these tangible gifts, Holy One, remind us of those who could use the clothes hanging in our closets unworn, those who could be fed by the food stored in our pantries, those who could be healed by the grace and hope we keep locked away in our hearts. May we be as generous with others as you are with us, we pray. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn: VU # 352 I Danced in the Morning**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**Commissioning and Benediction**

ONE: Go out into the world as God's people.

**ALL: We will journey with praise on our lips.**

ONE: Go out into the world as followers of Jesus.

**ALL: We will join the parade of the broken, the lost, the hopeless, for that is where Jesus may be found.**

ONE: Go out into the world as the Spirit's peace.

**ALL: We will share the warm breath of reconciliation with all we meet.**

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

*(sing twice)*

**Postlude**

*(Children and youth will leave the sanctuary waving palm fronds while the choir sings, "He'll Be Riding on a Donkey When He Comes")*

# Government Matching Cyclone Idai Donations



The Government of Canada is now matching donations for Cyclone Idai relief in Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe. (deadline April 15)

Cyclone Idai swept through Southern Africa in March 2019, leaving terrible disaster in its wake. Hundreds of thousands of people in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi are in immediate need of food, water, and shelter. At least 830 people have been reported killed by the storm, and a cholera epidemic is feared. With more than 120,000 people displaced, Idai is one of the worst weather-related crises to ever affect the African continent.

The Canadian government is matching donations for Cyclone Idai emergency relief (up to a maximum of \$2 million) made to members of the Humanitarian Coalition (HC); the United Church is connected to the HC through its membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Your gifts made to the Cyclone Idai Appeal between March 15 and April 15, 2019 can be doubled.

[Find out more and donate!](#)