



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
Sunday, May 5, 2019

Creativity

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
& Sue Bland

Reader: Marie Andrews

Pianist: Mary Anderson

Organist: Patti McCleary



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

Creativity is the living impulse in each of us
which continually begins again.

- TokoPa Turner, *Belonging: Remembering Ourselves Home*

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: **VU #175 This is the Day That God Has Made**
(refrain sung twice) (please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: This is the day that God has made!

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad!

ONE: This is spring, a time of budding flowers
and greening pastures

ALL: Let us sing hymns of thanks and praise!

ONE: This is Easter, a season of renewal and rebirth!

ALL: Let us reflect on all the ways

we take part in God's creation.

Let us sing, let us pray, let us worship!

Written by: Annette Taylor

Worship Schedule

May 12	4 th Sunday of Easter	- Rev. Ray Friesen - Christian Family Sunday
May 19	The Winged Ones	- Rev. Annette Taylor - with baptism
May 26	Colourful Birds	- Rev. Annette Taylor - with communion
June 2	Living Skies Regional Gathering – 10:00 a.m.	

Recent Events

Friday, May 3, 2019 – Katherine Blydo Funeral Service

Moderator's Post-Easter Bible Sharing



Moderator Richard Bott is planning a time of post-Easter Bible sharing and invites people to [join him online](#)

You will be reading the Gospel of Luke together over 40 days.

Participants are welcome to post their thoughts, comments and reflections, in the comment section.

Find out more on the [Moderator's Facebook page](#).

Opening Hymn: VU #299 Teach Me, God, to Wonder
(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer and The Prayer of Jesus

**Holy Mystery, in this world,
where each turn of the globe
seems to bring new stories
of destruction and death,
May we be open to new life.
May we open our senses
to the beauty of a birdsong
to the taste of Gaia's bounty,
to the wonder of a gentle touch.
May we open our hearts
that we might know your love
resurrected in our love,
every moment, every day.**

May it always be so,

Adapted from: Richard Bott, *Gathering* Lent/Easter 2019, page 43.

WORD

Hymn: VU #187 The Spring Has Come
(verses 1,2 & 3) (please remain seated)

Community Learning Time with Sue Bland

Hymn: VU #187 The Spring Has Come
(verse 3) (please remain seated)

Scripture: Acts 9:1-20

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: Seeing with New Eyes

Choral Offering: MV #181 God, Your Hands Have Formed
(A Filipino hymn)

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: A Place of Worship, a Place of Hope

Offering

Offertory Hymn: MV #191 What Can I Do?
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy Mystery,
we bring the gifts created by our hands and by our minds.
May they be a witness to your love for all creation.
May they be used to build your reign of love on earth.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #214 May God's Sheltering Wings
(sing twice)

Grace for Lunch: VU #552 For Food in a World

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for May 12, 2019

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23 (VU pp.747-749)

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Asian Heritage Month



May is Asian Heritage Month.

The month provides a continuing opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the contributions of Asian Canadians to our church and Canadian society and to honour and celebrate this important aspect of Canadian history.

In church and society, Asian cultures and traditions are broad and diverse. Comprising many language groups, cultural traditions, histories, and ways of expressing faith, Asian Canadians have many ways of being.

In the United Church, there are Chinese Cantonese-, Chinese Mandarin-, Korean-, Tagalog-, and Tamil-speaking congregations; all of these are expressions of our intercultural church.

Asian Heritage Month is not limited to the contributions of Asians in Canada. The United Church has strong ties to Mission & Service partners throughout Asia who are addressing human rights abuses wherever they occur as part of building a world of justice for all.