



## FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK  
Sunday, August 11, 2019

### 9th After Pentecost

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor  
Reader: Fran Jackson  
Pianist: Mary Anderson

## GATHERING

### Moment for Reflection

*“For wherever your treasure is,  
that’s where your heart will be.”  
(Luke 12:34)*

### Welcome and Announcements

### Sharing of Peace/Prelude

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Hymn: **VU #381 Spirit of Life**  
*(please remain seated)*

### Call to Worship

ONE: Come and give thanks and praise to God!

ALL: **We come to worship the Holy Mystery  
with gratitude in our hearts.**

ONE: As God provides for the birds and the flowers  
so too, the Ground of our Being provides for us.

ALL: **We come so that we may trust  
in God’s love and faithfulness.**

ONE: God promises us a bountiful reign  
of peace, love and justice.

ALL: **We come to find our treasure in God.**

Written by Annette Taylor

## Worship Schedule

Aug 18	Adding Wisdom	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Aug 25	Adding Generosity	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Sep 1	Adding Forgiveness	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Sep 8	Welcome Back Sunday - With Potluck	- Rev. Annette Taylor

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### Recent Events

Wednesday, July 31 - Laverne Halvorson Funeral Service – Rev. Ray Friesen Officiating

## Full Communion, not a Merger



The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) agrees to be in full communion with The United Church of Canada.

It has been years in the making, but on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, delegates to the [Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#) in the United States and Canada General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, approved a historic agreement with The United Church of Canada.

Known as a Full Communion Agreement, it allows clergy to move freely between the denominations if they choose, and recognizes each other’s sacraments of baptism and communion.  
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**Opening Hymn: VU #288 Great is Thy Faithfulness**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

**Opening Prayer & The Prayer of Jesus**  
Holy Mystery, Ground of our Being,  
in this time of worship may we  
open our hearts and minds  
to your sacred presence,  
expand our understanding of  
what is possible through faith in you  
and deepen our respect  
for the power of trust.  
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## WORD

**Hymn: VU #356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom**  
*(verses 1,2 & 3) (please remain seated)*

**Community Learning Time**

**Hymn: VU #356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom**  
*(verse 3 again) (please remain seated)*

**Scripture: Luke 10:13-34**

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: Adding Faith**

**Music: There is Your Heart - Linnea Good**

## RESPONSE

**Minute for Mission: Five Oaks – a Sacred Place**

**Offering**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**  
Holy Mystery, we bring our gifts to you.  
We present the work of our hands  
and our desire to serve.  
May this sharing our gifts contribute  
to your reign of peace and justice.  
**Amen.**

Adapted from: Sandy Ferguson, *Gathering Pentecost 1* 2019, page 49.

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn: VU #642 Be Thou My Vision** *(verses 1,2,3 & 4)*  
*(please stand as you are able)*

**Commissioning and Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

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*If you make money your God,  
it will plague you like the devil.”  
— Henry Fielding*

## Lectionary Readings for August 18, 2019

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80-1-2, 8-19 (VU pp, 794-795 Part Two)  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

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The United Church of Canada voted for this agreement in July 2018 at its 43rd General Council meeting. In 2015, the United Church signed a similar Full Communion Agreement with the United Church of Christ (USA).

“We are very close theologically to the Disciples and have a common commitment to unity among churches. We care about the same social issues and our ministers have comparable educational training, so in view of the prayer of Jesus Christ that ‘all may be one,’ it seems natural that our denominations should create a strong and formal tie,” explains the Rev. Daniel Hayward, who chairs the United Church’s Theology and Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee and helped draw up the agreement.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was founded in the United States and Canada in the early 19th century with roots in the Scottish Presbyterian tradition, which is also part of the heritage of The United Church of Canada. There are 21 Disciples of Christ congregations in Canada and over 3,700 congregations in the United States. In Winnipeg and Calgary, the United Church and the Disciples share congregations, Broadway Disciples United Church and Campbell-Stone United Church, that weave the two traditions together.

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