

Living Skies Regional Council  
Celebration of Ministry  
May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Grace United Church, Weyburn, SK  
**PENTECOST**

- \* VU refers to the red 'Voices United' hymn books
- \* MV refers to the softcover 'More Voices' hymn books

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

\*Please note: congregation reads **bold** print

**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn:** (MV #6) *"Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives"*

**Word of Welcome and Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgment**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

One: May this light remind us of God,

**All: who said: "Let there be light!"**

One: May this light remind us of Jesus,

**All: who said: "Peace be with you!"**

One: May this light remind us of Spirit,

**All: who rested on the disciples at Pentecost.**

One: We are a people of the journey,

**All: may this light illumine our way.**

**Lighting of the Affirming Candle**

One: From the beginning God created and affirmed diversity in this beloved world. The church itself was born through diversity of languages, cultures, lands, and peoples.

We light this candle to affirm that we long to love as God loves: all abilities; all genders and ages; all sexualities and races; all languages; and all economic classes.

**Call to Worship**

One: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,

**All: and in the shelter of the Spirit, we will rejoice and be glad.**

One: The heavens are telling of the glory of God,

**All: and beneath those very stars, we raise our spirits and proclaim that God is good.**

One: The gifts of the Spirit are offered to us,

**All: and, when we put them to use, we discover that our gifts blend with the gifts of others into a wonderful song filled with hope, energy, life, and love.**

One: In this house of prayer, may we find shelter, lift our hearts in prayer, and sing songs of praise:

**All: May we find strength in knowing we are the Body of Christ, enlivened by the Spirit, engaging the work of God in this world.**

One: Come, let us worship our God!

*Rev. Nora Vedress, Calvary U.C., Prince Albert, Sask.*

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**We Sing:** (MV #143) *"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"*

**Opening Prayer**

One: Great are your ways, Holy Spirit.

**All: Great are your words, Holy Spirit.**

**You are in us and we are in you.**

**Your love abides in us and we abide in your love.**

**You lead us to the truth. You teach us the way.**

**You inspire us to love others.**

**You give us peace in our hearts, easing our troubled spirits.**

**We are grateful that you guide us to the truth of who we are and what we are meant to do.**

**We thank you for your love and your guidance, today and every day. Amen.**

*Tricia Challoner (LLWL), Norquay U.C., Norquay, Sask.*

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**We Learn Together:** *Kendra Gonczy and Lindsay Mohn*

**Special Music:** Spirit of Grace Choir

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-11 (*Jenni Krall*)  
2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (*Prince Nkhoswe*)

**Sermon** – “Hope Across Many Stories: One Spirit, One Lord....”

*The Reverend David Mugadzi*

**We Sing:** (MV#161) *“I Have Called You by Your Name”*

**Affirmation of Faith – A New Creed**

**Celebration of Ministries**

**Executive Minister:** Friends in Christ, we are gathered together to welcome these people into their particular ministries. Those who, on our behalf, have inquired about them and examined them believe they are called and equipped to serve God in these ministries. On behalf of the whole Regional Council, are you ready to receive and support them in the ministry to which God has called them and for which they have offered themselves?

**Congregation:**

**We are, God being our guide.**

**Executive Minister:** Will you offer your ministry to these persons, and receive ministry from them?

**Congregation:**

**We will, God being our guide.**

**Commissioning of Jennifer Krall**

**Convenor:** Let us pray!

**All:** Creator, you have called your people to minister to one another. Bless each of us in the exercise of our ministries. Especially grant your grace on your servant, Jennifer, who has been commissioned into the Diaconal Ministry of Education, Service and Pastoral Care. May her ministry be a means of grace to all whom she serves. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Admission of the Reverend Prince Nkhoswe**

**Admission of the Reverend Adesegun Igbekele (Trust) Oluwayemi**

**We Sing:** (VU #509) *“Here I Am Lord”*

**Presentation of Retirement Certificate** – Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt

**Offering Invitation** – collected money goes to M&S (Grace United envelopes welcome)

**Special music while offering is collected** – Chancel Choir

**Dedication of the offering:**

One: Creator God, we are so thankful for the gifts that you have given us

**All: through the Holy Spirit.**

One: We desire and need a constant connection to you, and you have provided that connection

**All: through the Holy Spirit.**

One: We praise you for ongoing knowledge, wisdom, and gifts that we receive

**All: through the Holy Spirit.**

One: We thank you for your promises made and never forgotten

**All: through the Holy Spirit.**

One: And so we bring our gifts and tithes, that they may become a blessing

**All: through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Sue Carleton, Shallow Lake U.C., Shallow Lake, Ont.  
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**We Sing:** (MV #1) “Let Us Build a House”

**Communion**

*Opening Conversation (call to give thanks/sursum corda):*

The Holy One is here.

**God’s Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

**Song of Creation (Sanctus-Benedictus):** MV #203

**Affirmation of Memory and Hope (memorial  
acclamation):** MV #204

**The Great Amen:** MV #205

**Special music while communion is served** – Chancel  
Choir

**Prayer after Communion**

**All: Eternal, loving God, we thank you for this simple  
common meal that brings the spirit and reality of Christ  
into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May our  
lives be inspired by your love, and may your love touch  
others through us. Amen.**

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**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

**We Sing:** (MV#213) “Take Up His Song”

**Postlude**

**Participants in today’s service:**

**Various parts** – Nancy Smoliak, Julie Graham, Kendra  
Gonczy, Lindsay Mohn, Jenni Krall, Prince Nkhoswe,  
Adesegun Igbekele (Trust) Oluweyami, Tracy Murton

**Convenor of the Regional Council** – Piotr Strzelecki

**Executive Minister** – Shannon McCarthy

**Office of Vocation minister** – Laura Fohse

**Preacher** – David Mugadzi

**Laying on hands:**

Jenni Krall – *Cindy Dorr, Nobuko Iwai, Prairie, Paisley and  
Phoenix Krall*

Prince Nkhoswe – *David Mugadzi*

**Musicians** – Colleen Weimer, Chancel Choir, Spirit of  
Grace Choir

**Communion servers:** Jenni Krall, Tracy Murton, Prince  
Nkhoswe, Adesegun Igbekele Oluweyami, and members  
from Grace United

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