

**Evensong at Northern United Place  
Blended Iona and Taizé Eucharist  
Ecumenical Worship offered by  
Holy Family Lutheran Church and Yellowknife United Church  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - 5 p.m. - August 16, 2015**

*Welcome to this evening service. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed and that all electronic devices be turned off or left on mute. We are glad that you have chosen to gather here this evening to worship God.*

*This service will proceed without much spoken direction. There will be a time for sharing of community notices and announcements at a point during worship. The music in this service comes from two communities that are intentional communities of faith and much of the music is written by leaders in these communities or used by the communities when they worship. One of these communities is the community of Iona – a small island off the western coast of Scotland – a community which finds great meaning and purpose in a modern understanding of the ancient Celtic traditions. The other community is Taizé – an ecumenical community which finds meaning and purpose in a modern understanding of the ancient traditions of chanting, repetition and quiet contemplation. Many of the refrains we will use from the Iona Community were written by John Bell. The refrains we will be using from the Taizé Community were written by Jacques Berthier.*

**Introit** *(sung a capella) (Berthier)*

Laudate, Omnes Gentes, Laudate Dominum  
(Praise, all peoples, Praise God.)

**Candle Lighting** 19 VU *(Iona)*

Kindle a flame, to lighten the dark and take all fear away.

**Hymn** Now It is Evening

1. Now it is evening: lights of the city  
Bid us remember, Christ is our light  
Many are lonely; Who will be neighbour?  
Where there is caring, Christ is our light.

2. Now it is evening: little ones sleeping  
Bid us remember, Christ is our peace.  
Some are neglected: Who will be neighbour?  
Where there is caring, Christ is our peace.

3. Now it is evening: food on the table  
Bid us remember, Christ is our life.  
Many are hungry; Who will be neighbour?  
Where there is sharing, Christ is our life.

4. Now it is evening: here in our meeting  
Bid us remember, Christ is our friend.  
Some may be strangers; Who will be  
neighbour?  
Where there's a welcome, Christ is our friend.

### **Opening Prayer**

For the quietness that surrounds us and your promise of deep peace within us, for the stillness of sleep for our bodies and the hope of healing for our souls thanks be to you, O God...

### **Prayer Response 948 VU (Berthier)**

O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer  
When I call, answer me. O God hear my prayer  
O God, hear my prayer, come and listen to me.

### **Prayer of Confession based on today's reading from Ephesians**

Loving God, you call us not to waste our time on useless tasks, the barren pursuit of nothingness. Help us to be honest in what we do. Shine your loving light upon us, that we might see your way, and follow it. Open us to living not for our own desires, but in humble service to you. We pray these prayers, asking for your mercy in song, followed by our own silent prayers of confession...

### **Prayer Response 945 VU (Berthier)**

Kyrie, kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.

### **Assurance**

### **Prayer Response 90 MV (Bell)**

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,  
and I have promised, promised to be always near.

**Question for the Day:** What three things would you pray/ask for?

### **Choral Response 16 MV Come and Fill Our Hearts (Berthier)**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O God, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!  
Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.  
Confitemini Domino, Alleluia!

<b>Hebrew Bible:</b>	1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14
<b>Responsive Reading:</b>	Psalm 111 <i>page 833</i>
<b>Epistle Reading:</b>	Ephesians 5: 15-20

**Sermon**                      Announcements, Announcements, Announcements

**\*Hymn 462 VU** Before I Take the Body of My Lord    (*Bell*)

**Eucharist**  
**Invitation**

**Passing of the Peace**  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**The Gifts of God Offered and Received**

**Thanksgiving Acclamation 37 VU** (*Berthier*)  
Gloria, gloria, in Excelsis Deo  
Gloria, gloria, Alleluia, alleluia

**Eucharistic Prayer**  
God is with us.  
**God's Spirit is here.**

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**Sanctus and Benedictus 203 MV**  
O holy, holy, holy, God. O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

### **Memorial Acclamation 204 MV**

Sing Christ has died, and Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died, and Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again!

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

### **The Great Amen 205 MV**

Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen. 2x

### **Breaking of the Bread**

### **Sharing of the Loaf and Cup**

85 MV Take, O Take Me As I Am (*Bell*)  
466 VU Eat This Bread (*Berthier*)  
148 VU Jesus, Remember Me (*Berthier*)

### **Prayer after Eucharist (*together*)**

We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at your table, by granting us the presence of Jesus, who for us is the Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world, united in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Hymn 567 VU Will You Come and Follow Me (*Iona*)**

### **\*The Dismissal**

Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honour everyone, love and serve God, rejoice in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Response 205 MV** Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen! 2x