

YELLOWKNIFE UNITED CHURCH
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of
The United Church of Canada
First Sunday in Lent - February 14, 2016



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GATHERING

Prelude

Lighting the Worship Candles

Introit 97 MV Listen, God is Calling

Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting
Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy

Call to Worship

Temptation's whisper haunted Jesus' ear:

**“If you are the Son of God,
turn these stoves to loaves of bread.”**

But Jesus answered power's allurements:

“We do not live by bread alone.”

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Opening Prayer and The Prayer of Jesus page 921

Hymn 115 VU Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

Lenten Prayer of Confession

When we travel through Lent, we travel light.

The story is heavy enough.

What must we let go?

(sung) ***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.

We let go of the history that shames us...
what we have done in the past to
peoples of the past.

(sung) Don't be afraid...

We let go of the words that hurt us...
what we have said that does not bring life to others.

(sung) Don't be afraid...

We let go of the things that bind us...
the things we believe about each other
that stop us living together.

(sung) Don't be afraid...

When we travel through Lent, we travel light.
We let go those things we do not need
so we can journey in the way of Christ.

(sung) Don't be afraid...

LISTENING

The Life and Work of the Community

Learning with Children

Song 639 VU One More Step Along the World I Go

Hebrew Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Responsive Reading: Psalm 91 *page 807*

Epistle Reading: Romans 10: 8b-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon The Vulnerable Place

RESPONDING

Hymn 380 VU She Flies On

Minute for Mission

Offering and Doxology Tune: 542 VU

These Lenten gifts we bring, our living faith express
We offer them most lovingly, and thus our hearts are blessed.
O loving God, receive these gifts we gladly give
That show our faith and hope and trust; your way we seek to live.

Prayers of the People

Hymn 108 VU Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

Blessing and Sending Forth

Let us go forth

**hearts filled with story,
mouths filled with prayer,
breath filled with song,
companions side-by-side,
nourished for the challenge ahead.**

Choral Response Change the World with Love *Martin/Nix*