

**Yellowknife United Church  
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of  
The United Church of Canada**

**First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 2018**

\* - rise in body or spirit



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**Gather**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Territory**

**Lighting the Candles**

**An Introit for the Season of Lent 105 VU (*Refrain*)**

Take us by the hand and lead us,  
lead us through the desert sands  
Bring us living water, Holy Spirit come.

**Prayer of Approach**

Prepare us for our Lenten journey, O God:

**give us the courage to venture into  
the challenging places of heart and spirit.**

Come with us on our Lenten journey, O God:

**strengthen us that we might learn  
and grow as followers of Jesus.**

Join us with others on our Lenten journey, O God:

**in faithful solidarity, we will search out the powers and  
principalities that are marked by oppression and  
hatred, and overpower them with openness and love.**

Be with us at the end of our Lenten journey, O God;

**that we might see our selves in the stories of faith and be  
transformed by them to be more wholly your people.**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**\*Hymn 3 MV River**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Listen**

**The Life and Work of the Community**

**Anthem**      Warm the Time of Winter      *Ruth Duck/Lori True*

**Learning with Children**

**Song 189 MV Jesu, Tawa Pano**

Jesu, tawa pano, Jesu, tawa pano,  
Jesu, tawa pano, tawa pano muzita renyu.  
Jesus, we are here, Jesus, we are here  
Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.

**Hebrew Scripture:**      Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

**Responsive Reading:**      Psalm 25 *p. 752 VU*

**Epistle Lesson:**      1 Peter 3: 18-22

**Gospel Lesson:**      Mark 1: 9-5

**Sermon**      The Bow in the Sky

**Respond**

**\*Hymn 623 VU Dear Weaver of Our Life's Design**

**Minute for Mission – Children's Rights**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offering \*Doxology 541 VU**

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn** 121 VU Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery  
*(verses 1,2,3,5 and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)*

### **\*Commissioning**

You challenge us to reflect and serve, O God.

**Give us honesty in our looking back;  
give us generosity in our relationships;  
give us hope in the midst of turmoil;  
give us energy to take on faithful endeavors;  
give us patience when all does not go  
according to plan;  
give us endurance as we walk  
the testing Lenten path.**

Go with God; God goes with you.

Peacefully, securely, God goes with you!

**\*Choral Response** 969 VU Threefold Amen (*Kriewald*)