

**Yellowknife United Church**  
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of  
The United Church of Canada  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 8, 2015

\* - rise in body or spirit

**Gather**

**Prelude**

**Welcome; Announcements; Celebrations; Candle Lighting**

**\*Introit** 81 MV (V1) Love Us into Fullness  
Love us into fullness touch us with your grace  
Jesus, in your mercy, draw us to your face

**Opening Prayer**

As a mother eagle lifts up her young,  
**lift up those who wait for you, O God,**  
**and renew us in this time of worship.**  
Trusting in your steadfast love,  
**we wait for your presence (pause).**  
Believing you are our source of strength,  
**we wait for you to empower us (pause).**  
Longing for your healing touch,  
**we wait for you to transform us (pause).**  
**We wait, O God, for you.**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**\*Hymn** 297 VU All Praise to You

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Choral Response** 81 MV (V2) Love Us Into Fullness  
Love us into fullness, hold us in your care  
cheer us with your presence, here and everywhere

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

**Baptismal Hymn** 453 VU Out of Deep Unordered Water  
*Families and children, come forward and are presented to the congregation.*

### **Introduction of Those to Be Baptised**

### **Pledges to God and to One Another**

**One:** Now I ask the congregation of Yellowknife United Church, what will be your part in helping these children to discover the grace of God within themselves?

**Congregation:** We promise to give these parents support as they live with their children in the pathways of Jesus, the Christ. We offer ourselves also, as ones who take these children into our love, our prayers, and our daily lives, striving to build a community rich in the Spirit of God in which to nurture them.

### **The Waters of Baptism**

*(The water is poured out.)*

This child is now received into the love and care of the Church, see what love God has given us!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **Laying on of Hands and Prayer**

### **Presentation of Baptismal Candle and Certificate**

### **Presentation of the Child to the Congregation**

**Baptismal Benediction** 454 VU May God Who Creates You

## **Listen**

**Anthem**

On Eagle's Wings

*Michael Joncas*

**Hebrew Bible Reading:** Isaiah 40: 21-31

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 147 Part One Pg 868 VU

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23  
**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1: 29-39

**Sermon** High, Low and In Between

### **Respond**

**\*Hymn** 12 MV Come Touch and Bless

### **Minute for Mission**

**Offering and \*Doxology** 544 VU In Gratitude and Humble Trust  
In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today  
To serve our cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

### **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn** 82 MV Bathe Me In Your Light

### **\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

Light of God to give us hope

**Power of God to protect us**

Light of God to give us joy

**Peace of God to calm us**

Light of God to give us faith

**Grace of God to comfort us**

This day and forevermore.

**\*Choral Response** 81 MV (V 3) Love Us Into Fullness

Love us into fullness and we will be strong

Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.