

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany - January 21, 2018

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Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territory

Lighting the Candles

***Introit** 10 MV Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Opening Prayer (*together*)

You call us, O God.

You cast your line and hope to catch us,
hooking us in with your love and your hope.

You call us, and then you send us out
to fish for others
and draw them into your love and your hope.

When you say:

"Come follow me; I'll have you fishing for people,"
our hearts leap in both fear and wonder.

You have called us, O God, and here we are today,
ready to be reeled in by your love
and then sent out to share your love with others.

We have made our choice. We have answered, "Yes."

In Jesus' steps, we will follow.

In Jesus' Way, we will live.

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The Prayer of Jesus

*Hymn 135 MV Called By Earth and Sky

Prayer of Confession (*together*)

You called us, O God. You continue to call us.
Sometimes we respond willingly.
Sometimes we respond only with reluctance.
Some things we hold back; sometimes we say “no.”
We dedicate ourselves and our responses
to your service, O God.
We pray that we become more willing
as we journey in faith
knowing that you love us, whatever our response.
(*silent confessions*) Amen.

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Words of Assurance

In the mercy of God,
we are forgiven.
In the compassion of God,
we are freed to turn our lives around.
In the wisdom of God,
we are strengthened to live faithfully.

Listen

Anthem Shine On Us *Michael W. Smith and Debbie Smith*

Learning With Children

Song 138 MV Outside the Lines

Hebrew Bible Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
Responsive Reading: Psalm 62 (*insert*)
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 14-20

Sermon

The Short Straw

Respond

***Hymn 155 MV** Unbounded Spirit, Breath of God

Minute for Mission – Fresh Start

Offering and *Doxology 191 MV What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Prayers of the People

Hymn 209 MV Go Make a Difference

Commissioning

God chooses messengers and prophets in every age.
God's work needs your prayer, your love, your self.

In faith, we hear and answer.

**In hope and joy, we go to bear witness
to the love that frees and heals us.**

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Choral Response 212 MV Sent Out in Jesus' Name

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
To make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.

Repeat

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

Repeat