

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

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\* rise in body or spirit



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The bulletin this week is sponsored by Lorna Jenkins  
in memory of her husband, Jim Jenkins.

**Gathering**

**Acknowledging the Territory in Which We Gather**

**The Candles are Lit**

**\*Introit** 97 MV Listen, God is Calling

Listen God is calling, through the word inviting  
Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. (*Listen*) *repeat*

**\*Call to Worship**

This is the place of worship and of praise.

**Are we glad to be here?**

These are the friends who are with us in joy and in sorrow.

**We rejoice in their presence!**

This is the faith community through which  
compassion and justice become possible.

**We will accept the responsibility.**

This is the Good News that Jesus proclaimed in deed and word.

**O God of grace and love, we will follow your Way.**

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

**Prayer of Confession**

Jesus blessed children, those who had no possessions, no money, and no  
control over their own destiny.

**You call us to care for children, for the disadvantaged, for  
all who rely on others for the good life.**

Jesus blessed the outcasts in his society: the lepers, and the mentally challenged.

**You call us to bring today's outcasts into our community,  
and to share our resources with them.**

Jesus blessed the family of Lazarus, and the widow who gave her last coin.

**You call us to comfort those who have lost loved ones, and  
support those who have lost their independence.**

Jesus blessed his friends, the disciples, even when they let him down.

**You call us to be open to God's blessing, especially when  
God seems absent, and we feel at a loss.**

*Time of silent reflection...*

### **Words of Assurance**

You bless us, O God, as we realize your good feelings for us, and  
ask to be a blessing – among the most vulnerable, with the  
despairing, and with those who are afraid.

**In counting our blessings, in giving our blessing,  
we know pardon and peace.**

**We will be blessed! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Choral Response 81 MV Love Us Into Fullness**

Love us into fullness, touch us with your grace  
Jesus, in your mercy, draw us o your face.  
Love us into fullness, hold us in your care,  
Cheer us with your presence, here and everywhere.  
Love us into fullness, and we will be strong,  
Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.

### **Listening**

### **The Life and Work of the Community**

### **Learning with Children**

**Song 605 VU Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold**

**Hebrew Bible Reading:** Micah 6: 1-8

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 15 *page 736 VU*

**Epistle Reading:**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**Gospel:**

Matthew 5: 1-12 *page 896 VU*

**Sermon**

In One Line

**Responding**

**\*Hymn 686 VU** God of Grace and God of Glory

**Minute for Mission** – Quinte Deaf Fellowship

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

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn 642 VU** Be Thou My Vision

**\*Sending Forth**

You will be a blessing!

**We will encourage those poor in spirit;**

**we will comfort those who mourn;**

**we will honour the humble;**

**we will recognize the faithful;**

**we will strive to be merciful;**

**we will learn from those pure in heart;**

**we will follow the path of peace;**

**we will count ourselves among those who follow**

**the demanding Way of Christ.**

***We will be a blessing!***

**\*Choral Response 701 VU** What Does the Lord Require of You?