

**Summer Worship at Northern United Place
Holy Family Lutheran Church
Yellowknife United Church**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 16, 2017

* rise in body or spirit



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Opening Doors

Greeting

Introit 7 MV Gather Us In

Gather us in, ground us in you 2x

Gather us in, gather us in

Ground us, ground us, in you

Invocation

Call to Worship

One: We bring our hopes and fears,
our struggles and our lives as they are,
into the presence of the One
who leaves doors and futures
open to gracious possibilities.

Right Side: **God's word lights the paths before us.**

One: May this time of worship
empower us to make faithful choices.

Left Side: **God's word lights the paths before us.**

One: May this time of worship renew and restore
our relationships with God and each other.

All: **God's word lights the paths before us.**

***Hymn** 395 VU Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Prayer of Confession

Right: For hatreds between peoples,
for violence among nations,
for breakdowns in civility, we pray:
Why does it have to be this way, O God?
What choices of ours could bring change? (*silence*)

Left: For estrangement within families,

for tensions among neighbours, we pray:
 Why does it have to be this way, O God?
 What choices of ours could bring change? (*silence*)

Right: For divisions in the Christian Church, for conflict
 within our own community, we pray:
 Why does it have to be this way, O God?
 What choices of ours could bring change? (*silence*)

Left: For our own inner struggles with inflated ego,
 or deflated self-worth, we pray:
 Why does it have to be this way, O God?
 What choices of ours could bring change? (*silence*)

Words of Assurance

Hear the promise of God: Through all these times, amidst all these conditions, God offers the Spirit's transformative power for our companion, guide, and hope.

Thanks be to God!

Choral Response 95 MV How Deep the Peace

How deep the peace, the confidence,
 Of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
 How deep the peace, the confidence,
 Of those whose hearts are healed

The Sacrament of Baptism

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Opening Words

Baptismal Hymn 453 VU Out of Deep, Unordered Water

Introduction of the People to be Baptised

Pledges to God and One Another

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

The Waters of Baptism

One: This child is now received into the love and care of the church. See what love God has given us!

All: Thanks be to God!

Laying on of Hands

Presentation of Candle and Certificate

The Presentation

Baptismal Benediction 454 VU May God Who Creates You

Opening Minds

The Life and Work of the Community

Hebrew Bible: Genesis 25: 19-34

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119 *page 841 VU Part Five*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Sermon

Why Tell Stories?

Opening Hearts

***Hymn** 503 VU When Seed Falls On Good Soil

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and *Doxology 538 VU

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** 633 VU Bless Now, O God, the Journey

***Commissioning and Benediction**

As you go into the sweetness of this summer day,
may you go refreshed by our worship together,
inspired to be a blessing to all whom you meet,
and sustained by the ever-flowing spirit
which blesses us with every breath.

**We will go, confident in our faith that God goes with us,
an encouraging, empowering and inspiring
presence. Amen.**

***Choral Response** 649 VU Walk With Me (*Refrain*)

Walk with me, I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through.