

**Yellowknife United Church
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of
The United Church of Canada
Forest Church on the Beach
Aboriginal Sunday - June 18, 2017**



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Sponsored by Gwyneth Davis with the hope that
all her Yellowknife United Church friends will have a
good summer. Gwyneth will see us in September.
She is en route to Newfoundland for the summer

Grounding

Acknowledgement of the Space We Are On

Song It's A Song of Praise to the Maker

It's a song of praise to the Maker
The thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker
The gray whale sings in the sea.

Refrain:

And by the Spirit, you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a call of life to the Giver,
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver,
when high tides break on the shore.

Refrain

It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
the summer breeze joins the song.

Refrain

It's the chorus of all creation.
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation,
a song the universe sings.

Refrain

Prayer to the Directions

One: We gather now...

Let us turn to the direction of the East, the place of the rising sun. In the East, is the promise of a new day, the time of all beginnings, of all new things, of all new times, of all new hopes.

All: May the light of each dawn enable us to see with new clarity the beauty of creation and give thanks to the Creator that we have a place in each new day. So let it be with our hearts and minds.

One: Let us face the direction of the South, the place of the warm sun and new growth. This is the time of exuberance and delight. This is the beginning of change in our lives.

All: May we recognize the promise of rebirth among all living things in this part of our Mother the earth, as we await the warm winds of the south. So let it be with our hearts and minds.

One: Let us turn to the direction of the West, the time of ripening growth. We are aware of the cool and sustaining waters of the West, that calm our maturing hearts with courage and strength. We do this in the way of caring love.

All: May the setting sun find us at peace with each other so we will have no fear of the darkness. So let it be with our hearts and minds.

One: Let us face the direction of the North. This is the place of the cold winter winds and the rich wisdom of fruitful living. Here, we remember our ancestors and think of the generations to come.

All: May the winter winds give us clear vision of how all life can be nurtured and sustained. So let it be with our hearts and minds.

Reading

Learning Together – What Shape is God?

Sing Like a Rock

Like a rock, like a rock,
God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky,
God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon,
God is ever before,
Like the river runs to ocean,
Our home is in God ever more.

Reading the Books of God

Reading the Printed Book of God

Psalm 100 from The Message

Sing River Run Deep

River running in you and me,
Spirit of life, deep mystery
Dancing down to the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free

River laughed on my birthing day
Wind and water joined in play
Soaked my soul in a shining spray
River run deep, River run free

River, cry my name to me,
lend me hope and memory,
Sing me the story of the holy sea
River run deep, River run free

I stand on the edge, lookin' down
Too scared to swim, afraid I'll drown
Give me the courage to journey on.
River run deep, River run free

Journey on far from my home,
River break this heart of stone;
Teach me to love, make me your own,
River run deep, River run free

Hold me close on the day I die,
Bear me up when my soul is tired,
Carry me home on the rising tide,
River run deep, River run free

River singin' in you and me,
Spirit of life, deep mystery
Catch us up in your melody.
River run deep, River run free

Reading the First Book of God – The Landscape

Using Our Animal Senses

Finding a Sit Spot

A Journey Out and In – The Labyrinth

Creator and Creating

Awe / Meaning / Study

Song Living Water

Water flowing from the mountains,
Water flowing o'er the earth,
Water comes to us, so precious,
Living water gives us birth.

Refrain

Drink deep, the source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,
And living water brings,
The love that makes our spirit grow.

Water rushing down the rivers,
Water rushing to the sea,
Water comes to us, so precious,
Living water makes us free.

Refrain

Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun,
Water comes to us so precious,
Living water for each one.

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Responding

What Did We Discover?

Giving Thanks in Word and Action (*Offering*)

Prayers of the People

Song O Beautiful Gaia

Refrain

O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home
O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

Soil yielding its harvest, O Gaia calling us home.
Soil yielding its harvest, calling us on.

Waves crashing on granite, O Gaia calling us home.
Waves crashing on granite, calling us on.

Refrain

Pine bending in wind storm, O Gaia calling us home.
Pine bending in wind storm, calling us on.

Loon nesting in marsh land, O Gaia calling us home.
Loon nesting in marsh land, calling us on.

Refrain

Blessing as Thanksgiving