

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

Second Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2017

\* rise in body or spirit



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**Gather**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Acknowledging The Territory On Which We Gather**

**Candles are Lit**

**\*Introit 14 MV Where Two or Three are Gathered**

Where two or three are gathered in  
my name, I  
am there. I  
am there.

**Call to Worship**

The simple act of gathering here is a form of pastoral care...

**God is my shepherd I shall not want.**

When we greet each other with an honest “how are you doing”  
that is also pastoral care...

**God restores our souls.**

When we hear the assurance of forgiveness...

**Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

The truth is that pastoral care is God’s care...

**We are the hands and feet,**

**the arms and hearts**

**that offer this care in God’s name.**

May we be cared for in this time of worship and may we learn  
more of what it means to be the body of Christ to each other  
and to everyone we meet.

**Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn 12 MV Come Touch Our Hearts**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Choral Response** Wonder and Stare

Wonder and stare, fear and beware  
Heaven and hell are close at hand  
God's living word, Jesus the Lord,  
Follows where faith and love demand.

**Listening**

**The Life and Work of the Community**

**Anthem**                      The Lord is My Shepherd

**Learning with Children –** Tending the Garden

**Song 115 MV Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New**

**Hebrew Bible:**                      Ruth 1: 1-19

**Gospel Reading:**                  Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43

**Reflection**                      Caring Connections

**Responding**

**\*Hymn 157 MV I Am A Child of God**

**Minute for Mission –** Helping Refugees

**Bringing Forward the Gifts**    *\*Doxology 538 VU*

**Prayers of the People**

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

**\*Sending Forth**

And now may God,

**who knows the secrets of our hearts,**

who loves us inside and out,

**through and through,**

be our source, guide, and destination

**as we continue our Lenten journey.**

May we know ourselves to be so touched by God's love

**that we will share that love with all we meet**

**and work for justice and for peace for all God's people.**

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**\*Choral Response 214 MV May God's Sheltering Wings**

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.

May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you.

And hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.