

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 22, 2015

* - rise in body or spirit

The bulletin this week is sponsored by Gwyneth, Levi, Katey and Becky:
Remembering a dear Mother and Nana, Ivy Whiley - 25-12-1908 - 20-03-2005.

Gathering

Musical Prelude

Welcome; Announcements; Celebrations; Candlelighting

***Introit** VU 105 (*Refrain*) Take Us By the Hand and Lead Us

Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us through the desert sands.
Bring us living water, Holy Spirit come.

***Call to Worship** written by Lorne Gushue

We've got all the time in the world, oh God

Open our hearts to receive God's word

There aren't enough hours in the day, oh God!

Open our hearts to receive God's word

The time has come to worship in community

Open our hearts to receive God's word

Just in time, in God's time

May God's word be written on our hearts

***Hymn** VU 120 O Jesus I Have Promised

Prayer of Approach written by Lisa Harvey

Father God - as we gather in this moment - in this day

Free us from all that lays perhaps heavy

upon our hearts and on our minds

Fill us graciously instead -

with your peace and gentle awareness

Forge within us - grander clarity and understanding

Find us in the place where we are at -

and in your mercy - invite us to more

Forever and ever - Amen and Amen

Prayer of Confession written by Karen Wilford

God of the fiery sunrise, you bring to us a new day. You long for us to be people of hope, to create your world of peace and prosperity.

Yet it often feels, O God, that despair is winning. That hunger, disease and squalor are unchecked in many places in our world. That the ugly seed of violence is flourishing in homes, communities and among nations. Instantaneous news of horrific acts bombards us and we find ourselves turning away. We are less and less horrified and more and more impotent. Our hearts have hardened and this shames us.

Hear our prayer, You who are Hope. Grant us the courage to look upon the world with all of its glory and all of its ugliness with eyes full of possibility and hearts full of compassion. We ask for strength to remember that while we cannot do everything, we can do something. God of the fiery sunrise, you make all things new, including us.

Assurance of Pardon

Again and again, it is written on our hearts:

You are mine, I am yours

God's people, Your God.

Hear this promise,

be infused with this Covenant.

We are forgiven.

Listening

Learning with Children

Song VU 430 God Be In My Head (alt)

God be in my head, and in my understanding

God be in my eyes, and in my looking

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking

God be at my end, and at my beginning

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:9-16 *Part Two* VU 838

Gospel Lesson: John 12: 20-33

Sermon

Written On Our Hearts

Ray McGinnis

Responding

***Hymn** MV 106 I Am the Dream

Minute for Mission – Come and See

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - Doxology VU 538

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** MV 147 God, Help Us to Treasure

***Commissioning and Benediction**

“Life is short, and we have never too much time for
gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the way with
us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind.”

(Henri Frederik Amiel)

May the God of love who has created us
each with beating hearts
bless you with the hearts wisdom,
that you may fall in love with life this day,
and every day. Amen.

***Choral Response** VU 298

When you walk from here, when you walk from here
walk with justice, walk with mercy and with God's humble care.

The bulletin available for tablets and smart phones this morning is enhanced. It contains the prayers and liturgy that were written at the Prayer Writing Workshop yesterday. Please scan the following QR code for your own copy. The prayers and liturgy are also available on the enclosed insert.

