

## **Worship at Northern United Place**

### **Holy Family Lutheran Church**

A celebration of God's love; learning  
God's Word; living God's Word; and  
sharing God's Word

### **Yellowknife United Church**

An Affirming Ministry and  
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Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2017

\* rise in body or spirit

## **Gather**

### **Prelude**

### **Greeting**

### **Acknowledging The Territory On Which We Gather**

### **Candles are Lit**

#### **\*Introit** Where Two or Three are Gathered

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

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **\*Hymn** 371 VU Open My Eyes, That I May See

#### **A Prayer for Insight** (Confession)

Open our eyes, O God,  
**and we will be able to see the gifts  
and talents in ourselves, which others can see.**  
Open our eyes, O God,  
**and we will enable others to see the gifts  
and talents in themselves, which we can see.**  
Open our eyes, O God,

**and we will be able to see the powerless in our  
neighbourhoods, and stand beside them.**

Open our eyes, O God,

**and we will be able to see those struggling  
and fearful in our faith community,  
and give them compassionate support.**

Open our eyes, O God,

**and we will be able to see those in our world denied  
basic necessities and freedom, and understand their  
suffering.**

*Time of silent reflection...*

### **Words of Assurance**

We say, "we lack the personal skills that our situation requires."

**God says, "believe in yourselves, and venture out in faith."**

We say, "we do not have the time or the energy to make a  
difference."

**God says, "in my strength you can take small steps,  
and bring change."**

We say, "on our own we have such limited resources."

**God says, "work with others in your faith community,  
and the outcome will surprise you."**

We say, "will we know pardon and peace?"

**God says, "persevere faithfully, and my peace will be  
yours."**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **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.

### **Listen**

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

## **Learning with Children –**

Our Very Own Psalm in the Style of David

**Song** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

**Gospel Reading:** John 9: 1-41

**Sermon** Opening Blind Eyes

### **Respond**

**\*Hymn** 619 VU Healer of Our Every Ill

**Bringing Forward the Gifts** *\*Doxology 542 VU*

### **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn** 626 VU I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

### **\*Sending Forth**

God will lead you as a ....

**God will lead us carefully;**

**God knows each one of us by name.**

**God will lead us wisely; we have God's word on that.**

**God will lead us bravely;**

**God knows our strength and limitations.**

**God will lead us in faith,**

**and bring us back to the right paths.**

**We are God's people. God will never let us down.**

**\*Choral Response**  
(962 VU)

May the blessing of God go before you,  
May her grace and peace abound.  
May her Spirit live within you.  
May her love wrap you round.  
May her blessing remain with you always.  
May you walk on holy ground.