

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

Marking 2.5 Years as an Affirming Ministry

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\* - rise in body or spirit

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## **GATHER**

### **Prelude**

### **The Candles are Lit**

#### **\*Introit 8 MV And On This Path**

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide, 3x  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide.  
So enter in ... the gates of holiness are open wide, 3x  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide.

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Come - worship the Holy One who calls us to love one another –  
with love more intimate than our closest friendship, more lasting  
than the rocks that surround us in this northern land, brighter than  
the light which comes to us for hours on end at this time of year.

**“For I have formed you, my beloved one”,**

**says our Creator,**

**“and I walk beside you each moment.**

I have called you by name, you are mine.

**For you are my chosen people,**

**even before first words and sounds**

**passed through your lips,**

**I knew your thoughts.”**

“You are precious in my sight and honoured”, says God.

May we accept the invitation to know this ancient love:

**completely.**

## **\*Voicing Our Vision**

We believe that all people are created in the image of God  
and are unconditionally loved by God.

We are dedicated to being a community which welcomes and  
includes everybody, celebrating the diversity of our age, gender,  
race, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, ethnicity, and  
socio-economic circumstance.

We pray for God's spirit to guide us as we celebrate the richness  
that diversity brings to our church, even as it challenges us.

We are committed to seeking justice, loving kindness and walking  
humbly with our God on our common faith journey.  
ALL are welcome!

**\*Hymn 1 MV Let Us Build a House**

## **Prayer of Confession**

## **Words of Affirmation**

## **LISTEN**

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

## **Learning with Children**

**Song 145 MV Draw the Circle Wide**

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 8: 14-17

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 104: 24-34 827 VU *Part 2*

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1: 14-20

**Reflection** We're Gonna Need A Bigger Boat *Pam Rocker*

## **RESPOND**

**\*Hymn 679 VU Let There Be Light**

## **Minute for Mission**

Mino-o-dapin Means Welcome:  
Alderville First Nation

## **Anthem**

Namasté

*Mark Hayes*

## **Tithes and Offerings - \*Doxology For the Gift of Creation**

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
And the gift of the Spirit, by which we live,  
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

## **Prayers of the People**

### **\*Hymn 567 VU Will You Come and Follow Me**

### **\*Commissioning and Blessing**

Creator God ever calls us into new and deeper relationship:  
with each other, with the earth, with all creation.

**Let us commit ourselves to answer that call,  
taking steps outside our conditioned paths,  
and our regular patterns.**

We can do so with courage and hope because we know  
that God goes with us:

**giving comfort when the road becomes too much  
giving strength when the road is rough  
giving wisdom when the road seems too easy.**

### **\*Choral Response 45 MV Hamba Nathi**

Hamba nathi Mkhululi wethu 4x  
Mkhululi, Mkhululi, Mkhululi wethu 4x

You are holy, you show us the way 4x  
You show us, you show us, you show us the way 4x