

# **YELLOWKNIFE UNITED CHURCH**

An Affirming Ministry and Congregation  
of The United Church of Canada

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost – November 15, 2015**

\*rise in body or spirit

The bulletin this week is sponsored by Cynthia Creed in remembrance of  
Ralph on what would have been their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## **Gathering**

**Welcome; Announcements; Celebrations; Candles**

**Introit** 90 MV Don't Be Afraid

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger.  
My love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger.  
And I have promised, promised to be always near.

## **Opening Prayer**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**\*Hymn** 221 VU Sing Praise to God

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Choral Response** 96 MV And When You Call For Me

And when you call for me, I have already answered.  
And when you call for me, I am already there.

## **Listening**

**Anthem**

Amani, Utupe      *Patsy Ford Simms*  
(Grant Us Peace, Give Us Courage)

**Learning with Children**

**Song** 679 VU Let There Be Light



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handheld device

**Hebrew Bible Reading:** 1 Samuel 1: 4-20

**Responsive Reading:** 1 Samuel 2: 1-10

**Refrain:**

**No rock mountain like our God.**

Hannah prayed:

I'm bursting with God-news!

**I'm walking on air.**

I'm laughing at my rivals.

**I'm dancing my salvation. R**

Nothing and no one is holy like God,

**no rock mountain like our God.**

Don't dare talk pretentiously—

**not a word of boasting, ever!**

For God knows what's going on.

**God takes the measure**

**of everything that happens. R**

The weapons of the strong are smashed to pieces,

**while the weak are infused**

**with fresh strength.**

The well-fed are out begging in the  
streets for crusts,

**while the hungry are getting second helpings.**

The barren woman has a houseful of children,

**while the mother of many is bereft. R**

God brings death and God brings life,

**brings down to the grave and raises up.**

God brings poverty and God brings wealth;

**God lowers, God also lifts up.**

God puts poor people on their feet again;

**God rekindles burned-out lives with fresh hope,**

Restoring dignity and respect to their lives—

**a place in the sun! R**

For the very structures of earth are God's;

**God has laid out the operations**

**on a firm foundation.**

God protectively cares for faithful friends,  
step by step,

**but leaves the wicked to stumble in the dark.**

**No one makes it in this life by sheer muscle!**

God's enemies will be blasted out of the sky,

**crashed in a heap and burned.**  
God will set things right all over the earth,  
**strength will be given to God's king,**  
**God's anointed one will sit**  
**on top of the world! R**

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 13: 1-8

**Sermon**

And then things changed

### **Responding**

**\*Hymn 120 MV** Canticle of the Turning

**Minute for Mission** - Morogoro Midwives

**Tithes and Thank Offerings and \*Doxology** 541 VU

### **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn 288 VU** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### **\*Sending Forth**

May the grace of God,

**deeper than our imagination;**

the strength of Christ,

**stronger than our need;**

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

**richer than our togetherness;**

**guide and sustain us today**

**and in all our tomorrows.**

Go forth, for the love of God is yours to share,

the peace of Christ is yours to extend,

the power of the Holy Spirit is yours to offer.

**\*Choral Response** 208 MV Fourfold Amen