

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

Rain(bow) of Christ Sunday – November 22, 2015

The Anniversary of Becoming an Affirming Ministry

* - rise in body or spirit

The bulletin this week is sponsored by Levi Davis who is remembering a good friend and cousin, Barry Coates, who passed away too soon.

Gathering and Welcoming



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Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, Celebrations, Candles

***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, more beautiful and awe inspiring than the green, red and pink aurora borealis that dances in our clear northern sky.

**“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.

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

Prayer of Confession

Words of Affirmation

Anthem Namaste *Mark Hayes*

Voicing Our Vision

A Vision Statement of Yellowknife United Church

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!

The Sacrament of Baptism

Opening Words

Baptismal Hymn 82 MV Bathe Me In Your Light

Introduction of The Person to Be Baptised

Pledges to God and to One Another:

One: Now I ask the congregation of Yellowknife United Church, what will be your part in helping these children to discover the grace of God within themselves?

Congregation: We promise to give these parents support as they live with their child in the pathways of Jesus, the Christ. We offer ourselves also, as ones who take this child into our love, our prayers, and our daily lives, striving to build a community rich in the Spirit of God in which to nurture him.

The Waters of Baptism

One: Parker Reginald Johan Elliott, I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This child is now received into the love and care of the Church. See what love God has given us!

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Presentation of Baptismal Candle and Certificate

Presentation of the Child to the Congregation

Baptismal Benediction 454 VU May God Who Creates You

LISTENING

Readings: Galatians 3; Acts 10; Matthew 19

Reflection: Named, Known, Loved

RESPOND

***Hymn** 145 MV Draw the Circle Wide

Minute for Mission – Bread Not Stones

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 – Kathryn Walker

***Hymn 154 MV Deep In Our Hearts**

***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 85 MV Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart; and live in me