

Yellowknife United Church
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of
The United Church of Canada
25th Sunday after Pentecost – November 6, 2016
Fortieth Anniversary of Northern United Place



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* - rise in body or in spirit

The bulletin today is sponsored by Sharon and Peter Chynoweth
in recognition of the birthdays of granddaughter Tekerra (7)
and Great Papa Don Lamond (Sharon's Dad).

Gathering

Acknowledging the Territory in Which We Gather

The Candles are Lit

Introit 115 MV Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Call to Worship

(adapted from the Northern United Place Chapel Dedication November 7, 1976)

Serve God with gladness:

Come into God's presence with singing,

Give honour to God:

Bless God's name,

For God is good,

And God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

Prayer of Approach *(together)*

(adapted from the Northern United Place Chapel Dedication, November 7, 1976)

O God, Creator of all things in heaven and on earth, without whose help we can do nothing, accept what we do here and our intention in doing it. Give us your benediction as we participate in this anniversary of dedication. May this place be a visible sign of your presence among us, through Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer for Personal Commitment

Listening

The Life and Work of the Community

Anthem United in Christ! *Nancy Price and Don Besig*

Litany of Dedication

(A version of this litany was used when Yellowknife United Church was first opened on Sunday, November 9, 1958 and again on November 7, 1976 when Northern United Place was dedicated.)

Minister:

To the glory of God, who has called us by Grace;
To the glory of God's son,
 who loves us and gave himself for us
And to the glory of the Holy Spirit,
 who illumines and sanctifies us.

People:

We remember and celebrate the dedication of this Place.

Minister:

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;
For the preaching of the gospel of Jesus, the Christ;
 crucified, risen and exalted;
 and for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

People:

We remember and celebrate the dedication of this Place.

Minister:

For the comfort of all who mourn;
For the strength to those who are tempted;
For light to those who seek the way;

People:

We remember and celebrate the dedication of this Place.

Minister:

For the hallowing of the family life;
For the teaching and guiding of the young;
For the upbuilding of all who believe:

People:

We remember and celebrate the dedication of this Place.

All:

And now as a people within the Household of God, in the unity of the faith, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, in love and goodwill to all, we dedicate ourselves to the worship of God and the service of God's kin_dom. Amen.

Response to the Dedication

Minister:

To the glory of God and for the greater service of this community, we acknowledge the ways in which this Place has fulfilled the vision and we acknowledge that the story is not yet finished, that there are more and better ways that God has in store for the people and this Place.

People:

**Let these promises and the actions
that flow out from these promises, come to fulfillment.
Let this place continue to be a symbol of God's presence.
Let the life of the church and this community
continue to rest on the foundation stones
of love and service to humankind.**

Learning with Children –

If These Walls Could Talk, What A Story They Would Tell

Hymn 579 VU The Church is Wherever

Reading from the Hebrew Bible: 1 Chronicles 29: 10-14 (NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 121 *pg 844 VU*

Responsive Scripture Reading:

**(adapted from the Northern United Place Auditorium
Dedication – November 7, 1976)**

Reader:

“You are the salt of the earth: but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by other people.” (Matt 5: 13)

People:

We are the salt of the earth. Have we lost our taste? Or have we perhaps not even discovered yet that we have a taste? Let us determine to be the salt of the earth.

Reader:

“My soul thirst for God, for the living God.” (Psalm 42: 2)

People:

Salt should make people thirsty. If we are the salt of this world, do those around us long for the living water which keeps us refreshed? Let us determine to serve as God’s salt and then to serve as channels for God’s living water.

Reader:

“Who ever drinks of the water that I shall give them will never thirst; the water that I shall give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4: 14)

People:

We ache to be filled with the God’s living water. We pray that God will fill us with it and that God will renew our desire to water the world with it.

“One thing have we asked of God, that we will seek after: that

we may dwell in God's house all the days of our lives, to behold the beauty of God, and to inquire in God's temple." (Psalm 27:4)

Sermon

Storeys and Stories

Responding

***Hymn 686 VU God of Grace and God of Glory**

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Sharing the Gifts - *Doxology 541 VU

***The Great Thanksgiving p 9 Communion Booklet**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***The Prayer of Jesus**

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Wine

Sharing the Bread and Wine (466 and 467 VU to be sung)

Prayer after Communion p 13 Communion Booklet

***Hymn 209 MV Go Make a Diff'rence**

***Commissioning**

(From the Northern United Place Auditorium dedication, November 7, 1976)

Go into the world in peace, and love and faith.

Be alert.

Stand firm in your convictions.

Laugh and sing and pray.

Be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love.

***Choral Response 45 MV You Are Holy, You Show Us the Way**

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

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

You show us, you show us, you show us the way

*** substitute 'freedom', 'justice' on subsequent verses**