

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - October 15, 2017

\* rise in body or spirit



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**Gather**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Acknowledging The Territory On Which We Gather**

**Candles are Lit**

**\*Introit** 97 MV Listen, God is Calling

Listen, God is calling, through the word inviting  
Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. (Listen)

**Call to Worship**

Reluctantly...

**We gather for worship.**

Anxiously...

**We gather for worship.**

Excitedly...

**We gather for worship.**

Prayerfully...

**We gather for worship.**

Faithfully...

**We gather for worship.**

There are many reasons, and in our gathering...

**We become community with God.**

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

## **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**

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

## **Anthem Sisters Let Us Walk Together**

## **Learning With Children**

## **Song 48 MV I Can Feel You Near Me, God**

**Hebrew Bible:** Exodus 32: 1-14

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 106 *pg 830 VU*

**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 4: 1-9

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22: 1-14

## **Sermon**

Entreat, Pray, Love

## **Responding**

## **\*Hymn 169 MV When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides**

## **Minute for Mission – Food Insecurity**

## **Bringing Forward the Gifts \*Doxology 191 MV**

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn 171** MV Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

**\*Sending Forth**

Comforted, encouraged, cared for, emboldened...

**We leave this time of worship with grace and strength.**

Equipped, reminded, affirmed, loved...

**We go knowing that God is with us.**

**\*Choral Response 81** MV Love Us Into Fullness

Love us into fullness, touch us with your grace

Jesus in your mercy, draw us to your face.

Love us into fullness, hold us in your care

Cheer us with your mercy, here and everywhere.

Love us into fullness, and we will be strong

Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.

## **Food Insecurity**

**Our gifts for Mission & Service offer self-sufficiency and hope. Let us hear a story from the West Bank.**

Life is a constant struggle for Palestinian Muslims and Christians living in the West Bank. Separated from family living in Israel, Gaza, or further abroad, many also face land confiscation or are unable to reach their land to work it because of Israeli restrictions on travel. Those who want to build new agriculture-related structures rarely receive permits from the Israeli authority; if they build anyway, they are subject to demolitions.

In the West Bank, the Near East Council of Churches has developed a food security program focused on families who have lost land and property due to the Israeli occupation and illegal settlements. Through this intervention, a family receives three main components. First is material for a shed for livestock. As part of the project, the family must contribute by building the shed, often with the help of the community. Second, they receive five fruit trees that are about four years old, and third, they receive 12 chickens, two pregnant sheep, and enough feed for 100 days. Training and support are also provided.

These supplies give those struggling to feed their families the ability to become self-sufficient, providing milk, eggs, fruit, dairy products, and meat for their own needs while also having enough left over to trade or sell at markets.

*We sing thanksgiving for global partners who are bringing hope and vitality to Palestinian families in the region.*

*If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!*