

**Yellowknife United Church**  
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of  
The United Church of Canada  
**Thanksgiving Sunday – October 9, 2016**

\* - rise in body or in spirit



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## **Gathering**

### **Acknowledging the Territory in Which We Gather**

### **The Candles are Lit**

**Introit** 7 MV Gather Us In, Ground Us in You

Gather us in, ground us in you 2x

Gather us in, gather us in, ground us, ground us, in you.

### **Call to Gather**

**One:** Shout praises to God.

**All:** *(with enthusiasm)* Hallelujah!

**One:** Let everyone shout.

**All:** *(with enthusiasm once more!)* Hallelujah!

**One:** Be joyful and sing as you worship the Holy One.

**All:** *(the enthusiasm continues!)* Hallelujah!

**One:** You know that the Holy One is God.

**All:** **God is our Creator, and we are God's children.**

**One:** Be thankful and praise God, for God is good.

**All:** **God's love and faithfulness will last forever.**

**One:** **Come, let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn:** 222 VU Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Our Song

### **Prayer of Confession** *(together)*

O God, forgive us when we forget to give thanks...(silence)...

when we use what we've been given selfishly...(silence)...

when we don't think about the needs of others...(silence)...

even though we are surrounded by gifts from you...(silence)...

Open within us, O God, hearts that are grateful. Amen.

**Choral Assurance** 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**          Simple Thanks      *Besig & Price/Besig*

**Hebrew Bible:**          Deuteronomy 26:1–11

**Hymn:** 820 MV Make a Joyful Noise *Psalm 100*

**Gospel Reading:**      John 6:25–35

**Sermon**                  The Problem with Thanksgiving

## **Responding**

**\*Hymn** 582 VU There's a Spirit in the Air

**Minute for Mission** - Overwhelmed with Gratitude!

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offering** *Doxology* 542 VU

### **Prayers of the People**

For the beauty and wonder of creation,  
**we thank you God.**

For our daily food, for our homes, families, and friends,  
**we thank you God.**

For minds to think and hearts to love,  
**we thank you God.**

For health, strength, and skill to work,  
and for leisure to rest and play,  
**we thank you God.**

For those who are brave and courageous,  
patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**we thank you God.**

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

**we thank you God.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of children, youth, seniors  
and all women and men, revealing the image of Christ,

**we thank you God.**

Today ...

**we thank you God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 236 VU Now Thank We All Our God**

**\*Sending Forth** (*based on Philippians 4:4–9*)

Always be glad because of God.

**We will offer our thanks to God.**

Be gentle with one another and all people.

**We will pray with thankful hearts.**

May the peace of God be with you at all times.

**May the peace of God be with you also.**

**\*Choral Response 214 MV May God's Sheltering Wings**

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings, protect you.

May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms, sustain you.

And hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.