

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

**Third Sunday of Easter - April 15, 2018**

\* - rise in body or spirit



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## **Gather**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Acknowledgement of Territory**

### **Lighting the Candles**

### **Introit MV 7 Gather Us In**

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

### **Call to Worship**

In church sanctuaries, auditoria, living rooms and chapels...

**People are gathered as church.**

With expectant, wondering,

doubting, and searching minds and hearts...

**They wonder if they'll experience the risen Christ.**

Like them in all these different places, in gatherings of a few,  
or a few thousand...

**Our wonder is like theirs, a wonder of amazement,  
a wonder of doubt, a wonder of mystery.**

**Let us worship the God of mystery and assurance, the  
God of house church and mega church and all the  
gatherings in between in size: together in mission,  
together in faith.**

## **Opening Prayer** (*together*)

O God, we come as your people, and the diversity that that speaks of you and your love for the world. Bless our searching, bless our assurances, bless our thoughts, bless our feelings. And now we pray to you as to a Mother who loves and as our Father...

## **The Prayer of Jesus**

**\*Hymn** 589 VU Lord, Speak to Me

## **Words Of Assurance**

**Listen**

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

## **Learning with Children**

**Song** 579 VU The Church Is Wherever God's People Are

<b>Christian Scripture:</b>	Acts 3: 12-19
<b>Psalms:</b>	Psalms 4                      727 VU
<b>Epistle Reading:</b>	1 John 3: 1-7
<b>Gospel Lesson:</b>	Luke 24: 36b-48

## **Sermon**

The Hillhurst Syndrome  
OR  
The Canadian Dilemma  
OR  
When Is Big Too Big and  
When Is Small Too Small?  
OR  
We Live and Die by Community

## **Respond**

**\*Anthem**      A Celtic Prayer *Traditional Celtic/Barry Peters*

**Minute for Mission** – Mission and Service 101

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offering \*Doxology 537 VU**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn 331 VU** The Church's One Foundation?

#### **\*Commissioning**

**God invites us to embrace who we are and where we live.**

**God challenges us to step outside of comfort zones.**

**God promises to be with us as we live this tension.**

Go and be who you are, boldly.

Go and be what you can be, courageously.

God goes with you.

#### **\*Choral Response 138 MV** Outside the Lines (*Verses 1, 2, 4*)

My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,  
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
and takes me into places where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to to worlds outside the lines...

We'll never walk on water, if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.

And we'll never move the gravestones  
if we're not prepared to die and realize  
that there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains, sun come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries  
Where I've never been before,  
Throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.