

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 22, 2018**

\* - rise in body or spirit



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This bulletin is sponsored by Sharon and Peter Chynoweth in celebration of the sixth birthday of grandson Lucas on April 21, the birthday of his mother Coral on April 18 and the birthday of his aunt Heather on April 27.

## **Gather**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Acknowledgement of Territory**

### **Lighting the Candles**

### **Introit 7 MV 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** (*reflecting Psalm 23*)

Calm is your gift to us, O God.

**You lead us on the right path.**

In the valley of the shadow,

**you take our hand.**

As we sit at table,

**you join us and secure us.**

You are eternally good for us,

**and eternally present with us.**

### **A Prayer for the Care of Creation** *p311 VU*

### **The Prayer of Jesus** *top of p916 VU*

**\*Hymn 222 VU** Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord Our Song

## **Words Of Assurance**

**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.

## **Listen**

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

**Anthem** By God's Hand *John Parker/Joel Raney*

## **Learning with Children**

**Song 30 MV** It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

**Christian Scripture:** Acts 4: 5-12

**Psalm:** Psalm 23 *p 749 VU*

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 3: 16-24

**Gospel Lesson:** John 10: 11-18

**Sermon** Earth Lament and Blessing

## **Respond**

**\*Hymn 307 VU** Touch the Earth Lightly

**Minute for Mission** – Bringing Kids to Nature!

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

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn 509 VU** I the Lord of Sea and Sky

## **\*Commissioning**

Creator and Creating:

### **Names for the Holy One...**

Reminding us of what we have been given  
in matter and potential.

**Let us touch Creation lightly, reverently,  
with gratitude.**

Let us live the gift of Creating by using our wits, and our hearts and investing our souls in work that breathes life into the spaces where we live so that other living beings can have the breath of life, the breath of God, the breath of newness, the breath of creation, the breath that empowers their gift as well.

**We go knowing that we are cared for and  
encouraged in this work of life and love.**

**\*Choral Response 974 VU Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen 3x**