

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 29, 2018**

\* - rise in body or spirit



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**Gather**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Territory**

**Lighting the Candles**

**Introit** 371 VU Open My Eyes That I May See

**Call to Worship**

Jesus is described as the vine; God as the vine grower.

**And we are the branches.**

It is knowledge and wisdom and discernment  
that make the branches strong;

**and which then bears fruit.**

Following God's way is an action;

**an action that makes known our faith.**

God celebrates when we act faithfully;

**and we give back praise and glory, to God.**

**\*Hymn** 256 VU O God Beyond All Praising

**Prayer** 257 VU

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**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**      Bless Us Now This Day      *Miller/Wagner*

### Learning with Children

#### **Song** Part of the Family

Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.

1. You know the reason  
why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter  
and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family.  
God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family.

#### **Refrain**

2. Children and elders,  
middles and teens,  
singles and doubles  
and in-betweens,  
Strong eighty fivers and  
street-wise sixteens,  
for we are a part of the family.  
Greeters and shoppers,  
long-time and new,  
nobody here has a  
claim on a pew;  
and whether we're many  
or whether we're few,  
we are a part of the family.

#### **Refrain**

3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family.  
There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a  
burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family.

#### **Refrain**

**Christian Scripture:** Acts 8: 26-40

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 22: 25-31 *Pts 3b & 4 p 746 VU*

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

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

**Sermon**

Radical Welcome: Rooted Inclusion

**Respond**

**\*Hymn 603 VU In Loving Partnership**

**Minute for Mission** – Supporting People Entering Ministry

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

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn 651 VU Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**\*Commissioning**

Go from this place know you are rooted  
as members of the body of Christ.

**We go as faith-filled people,  
nourished as branches of the true vine.**

Go from this place, trusting in the Spirit's leading.

**We go as those who commune in prayerful  
with the Source of breathed-in faith.**

Go from this place sustained by God's loving grace.

**We branch out as followers of the way:  
rooted, growing, fruitful, inclusive, hopeful,  
confident and faithful, knowing that God is leading.**

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