

## **Yellowknife United Church**

An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of  
The United Church of Canada

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - October 7, 2018

Thanksgiving Sunday and Worldwide Communion

\* rise in body or spirit



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### **Gathering**

#### **Musical Prelude**

#### **Acknowledgement of Territory**

#### **Lighting the Candles**

#### **Introit 820 VU Make A Joyful Noise**

#### **Call to Worship**

Every flower that opens,

**Every bird that sings,**

Every fruit and grain that ripens,

**Speaks of God's presence and power in the world.**

Every act of loving kindness,

**Every new step on our journey of living,**

Every harmony that is restored,

**Speaks of the joy of God's creation.**

So let us join together with hearts full of thanksgiving

**As we worship God this day!**

#### **\*Hymn 517 VU Praise God for the Harvest**

**Theme Time**                      Saying Thanks

**Hebrew Bible:**                  Joel 2: 21 - 27

### **Listening**

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

**Anthem**                      I Will Give Jubilant Thanks                  *Williams/Barrett*

**Theme Time** Giving Thanks  
**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 126 *pg 850 VU*

**Song** 246 VU Shout For God

**Theme Time** Living Thanks  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6: 25-33

### **Responding**

**\*Hymn** 242 VU Let All Things Now Living

**Minute for Mission** – *Thank You to Our Ministers*

### **Sacrament of Communion**

#### **Invitation**

**Offering and Presenting the Gifts** *Doxology 551 VU*

#### **Passing the Peace**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Right and good it is, O God,  
to gather around this table of hope and love and life.

**Bless us this day with a new awareness  
of your presence in all the world's peoples,  
and especially all the children of the earth.**

Thank you for the innocent dependence of infants  
for food, shelter, care, and warm embrace.

Thank you for a toddler's tentative first steps and courage  
to enter a new world and a new awareness of herself.

**Thank you for the wonder of imagination  
and discovery of nature in a young child as he grows.  
Thank you for the challenging times of self-definition  
that come in the teens,  
exceedingly joyful and painful as they may be.**

And thank you that across cultures and colours and countries  
we can align ourselves with Jesus  
in welcoming the children in our midst,  
remembering that to them the realm of God belongs.

**Keep our eyes and ears and hearts and minds open  
to see your Divine Presence in**

**and through our young ones.**

**And upon glimpsing – or being flooded by – your glory,  
may we join in the song of all time  
and all places and all peoples, singing together:**

**Sanctus and Benediction MV 203**

**Memorial Acclamation MV 204**

God of love, send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do  
here, that we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit. May be  
signs of life and love to each other, and to all the world.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now  
and forever.**

**The Prayer of Jesus *sung* 959 VU**

**Breaking of the Bread, Pouring of the Wine**

**Sharing the Bread and Wine**

**Prayer after Communion**

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

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

Go into the world with a daring and tender love.

Serve God with patience and passion.

**Let us go with thanksgiving in our hearts  
to change our world as God has changed our lives.**

And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the nurture of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**\*Choral Response 974 VU Amen, amen! Hallelujah, amen!**