

Yellowknife United Church

An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of

The United Church of Canada

Third Sunday in the Season of Creation

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 23, 2018

* rise in body or spirit



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Gather

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territory

Lighting the Candles

Introit 97 MV Listen, God Is Calling

Listen, God is calling, through the word inviting

Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy

Call to Worship

With thoughts of what else we have to do today in our heads...

We have come to worship.

With the pull of a comfy chair, a good book, and a hot cup of java tempting us to just stay at home this morning...

We have come to worship.

With energetic children, and all the bags of things we need to accompany us with them...

We have come to worship.

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Drawn by gratitude, urged on to praise, compelled by the message, anxious for a good start to this week.

The choice to gather in community for worship is one we have...

And we give thanks, Creator God, that you welcome us here, even as we would be welcomed wherever we are.

May this worship meet our needs, expressed in our gathering here, and may this worship draw us to new places, new thoughts, new insights, new wonder, new joy, new love...

As we hear and live the story, and welcome each other and God in return.

***Hymn 395 VU Come In, Come In and Sit Down**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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 Faith Community

Anthem Everywhere I Go *Natalie Sleeth*

Learning with Children

Song 427 VU To Show By Touch and Word

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1 *page 724 VU*

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 30-37

Sermon So You Want First Place?

Respond

***Hymn 137 MV Welcome, Jesus, You Are Welcome**

Minute for Mission – Advocacy In Action

Offering and Dedication *Doxology 537 VU*

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Jesus A Paraphrase *second half of page 916 VU*

***Hymn 713 VU I See a New Heaven**

***Sending Forth**

We leave this time of worship...

Challenged by the story of Jesus;

**And bringing challenge to situations where it needs to
be heard, as keepers of the story of Jesus.**

We leave this time of worship...

Empowered by the love and care of the Holy One.

We leave this time of worship...

**Ready to live love, see a new heaven, welcome as we've
never welcomed before, gaze with new eyes and speak
hope through our living.**

We go in the grace and love of God.

***Choral Benediction 90 MV Don't Be Afraid**

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger

My love is stronger than your fear

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger

And I have promised, promised to be always near.