

**Ministry of Music:** MV 25 O God, Send Out Your Spirit

**Announcements**

**Welcome:**

... As those who follow Jesus' path of peace,

**All: we commit ourselves to upholding the Treaties of Peace and Friendship so that we will live in a good way with all peoples, with the lands, the waters, and all of Creation, for we are all treaty people.**

One: We light the Affirmation Candle (*Elder lights Affirmation candle*) as a celebration of all the wonderful diversity in which God creates us and calls us good! In this community of faith, we celebrate that all are welcome in this place.

**All: All are welcome by God's grace.**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Spirit of Creation, you make us in your image.

**All: Spirit, bear your fruit in us.**

One: Christ, you call us to be your messengers.

**Spirit, bear your fruit in us.**

One: Holy Spirit, breathe your grace in us, that we may shine with your light, live with your love, and give of your gifts in us.

**Spirit, bear your fruit in us!**

**Fill us, Holy Spirit, as we worship you.**

One: Let us pray.

**Opening Prayer**

**All: Gracious God, we open our hearts to you, that your Spirit may flourish and bear fruit in us. May we be a garden of love, joy, and peace. May we blossom with patience, faithfulness and self-control. May our gentleness, kindness and generosity bear fruit in the lives of those around us. Help us set aside all that hinders us from perfect love, by the grace of your Beloved, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn:** MV 26 Your Love Is Amazing

**Celebration Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Prayer of Illumination: Life-changing God, as we prepare to hear and tell your sacred stories once more this day, may you open our minds to perceive new insights, open our hearts to be touched by your love, and open our lives to become the people Christ is calling us to be. Amen.*

**Scripture:**

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

-read by

*Ted McIlDoon*

Words of God that are still speaking.

**Thanks be to God.**

- Rev. Penny

**Reflection:**

Nelson

**Offering Invitation**

**\*\*Offertory Response**- VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation

**\*\* Offering Dedication:**

**All: Receive the works of our hands, hearts, and lives, O Lord,  
for your work in the world.**

**Bless those who give,  
those who send,  
and those who will receive these gifts.**

**May our offering sow seeds of hope  
and bear the fruit of love  
wherever they are sown. Amen.**

**Hymn:** VU 376 Spirit of the Living God

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** VU 560 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

**\*\*Blessing:**

One: As you leave this time of worship,  
may the transforming love of God  
work in your lives, today and always.

Go forth into the world with peace, love, and joy,  
for you have been set free to offer God's love and freedom to others.  
Thanks be to God for this! Amen.

**\*\*Parting Song** VU 298 When You Walk From Here

**OUR MISSION  
TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE  
BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:  
showing mercy,  
promoting justice,  
offering forgiveness,  
acceptance, and hope.**

**Our Vision...**

We, the congregation of Knox United Church,  
publicly proclaim our commitment to become an open and  
welcoming community of faith. We declare that we  
welcome everyone regardless of age, race,

ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Everyone is welcome here.

Through the process of honouring diversity and challenging injustice with those who bear the weight of discrimination, we commit ourselves to openness, growth, education, love, and acceptance.

Christ's Disciples in Ministry: Everyone  
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Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. Kym Burke  
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