

Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: VU 395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Announcements:

Welcome:

The light of Christ shines within us. (*Elder lights Christ candle*).

We are worshipping on unceded Mi'kmak'i land;
acknowledging that we are all people of the Peace and Friendship Treaty.
(*Elder lights Peace Candle*)

The Holy Embrace encompasses us all. (*Elder lights Affirmation candle*)

In this community of faith, we celebrate that all are welcome in this place.

All are welcome by God's grace.

****Call to Worship:**

Jesus said, "The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship Him. God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

****Opening Prayer:**

(All)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; though Christ our Lord. Amen.

****Hymn:** VU 224 Sing a Happy Hallelujah

Sunday School Closing Presentations:

Sending-out Hymn: VU 224 Sing a Happy Hallelujah (*Refrain only*)

Minute for Mission:

- John Lindsay-Botten

Offering Invitation

Hymn During Offering: VU 264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

****Offertory Response:** VU 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

****Offering Dedication:**

While we bring our offerings to the table
Our Shepherd has a feast for us,
pampers us like honoured guests
and constantly tops up our glasses.

Ministry of Music: VU 513 Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart

Prayer of Illumination

Living and gracious God, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
You have brought us out to a spacious place where we are called to live as those
redeemed.

Empowered by Your spirit, as we hear Your word, may we keep Your
commandments, that we may show forth your love with gentle word and reverent
deed to all your people. Amen.

Scripture:

Acts 17:22-31

- offered by Gail Arnold

John 14:15-21

Words of God that is still speaking.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection:

- Reverend Judith Perry

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

Holy God,
you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son,
and to care for those who are our companions,
not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love.
Seeking to be true friends of all,
we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Guide us in the path of discipleship,
so that, as you have blessed us,
we may be a blessing for others,
bringing the promise of the kingdom near
by our words and deeds. Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus (as found at **VU 916**)

Our Father-Mother,
who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;
and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil.
For yours is the dominion,
and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

****Hymn:** VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

****Blessing:**

Go now into the world.
Search for the God who is not far from each one of us.
Offer to all who ask an account of the hope that is in you.
Keep your conscience clear
as you live the commandments in love.
And may God greet your prayers with constant love;
May Christ Jesus give you life through his own life;
And may the Spirit of truth abide with you and within you, always.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

****Parting Song:** Go Now in Peace (words by Nancy Price/Don Besig; music by Don Besig.
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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
Minister of Worship, Outreach and Faith Formation:
Minister of Pastoral Care:
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