

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

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, the land, 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: In our lives,

All: We are surrounded by stories.

One: In our worship,

All: We bring our stories to God.

One: In this time, our stories are framed—

All: Our story is God's story, and God's story is ours.

One: Through scripture and singing,

All: God shines through our lives.

One: Through stained glass and stitching,

All: God shines through our lives.

One: From an early age, Jesus knew this wisdom! For when his parents went looking for him,

All: they found him in the temple.

One: May each of us listen to God's call on our lives. Come, let us listen together and worship God.

Opening Prayer

All: Holy One, thank you for the gift of this day. For the time to rest in your presence, we thank you. For the chance to hear your words of wisdom, we thank you. For the opportunity to meet Christ in the presence of our neighbours, we thank you. For the reminder that we are your beloved children, we thank you.

Be with us this day, O God. Help us to welcome this day with grace. Amen.

Hymn: Sacred Stories for Aug 21

The Sacrament of Baptism

... (after the Elders stand)

And this faith community (*Please stand*): Do you covenant to receive **this child** and all children under your care, affording them every opportunity to know Jesus Christ and grow in faithful witness to His Saving power? If so, please answer together: **We will, God being our helper.** (*All may be seated*)

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water:

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

...Minister: Emma Lynn Alexander, child of God, from this day forward, you bear the sign of Jesus Christ. And from this day forward, may the Holy Spirit, Love's power, guide you, inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life. Amen.

Baptismal Song: MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name v. 1 & 3

Elder/Baptism Team Member: Rachel and Drew, receive this candle lit from the Christ candle. May it be a reminder of God's light that shines within Emma, and all creation. May the blessing of a shared life of love and light be alive in you today and always. *(give the parents the baptismal candle lit from the Christ candle and the baptismal certificate)*

Elder/Baptism Team Member: Emma, receive the gift of scripture as a way to learn of the Love that was born as a child like yourself. May you share the story of this day often, that you may know you are loved and embraced come what may. Amen. *(give the parents a Bible)*

Baptismal Hymn: MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name v.4

Prayer of Illumination

Prayer of Illumination: Creating and Creative God, as light shines through a stained-glass window, we pray that you will illuminate the wisdom of this scripture reading for our day and age. Enlarge our vision and stretch our imagination, God, so we might see ourselves within your story, too. All of this we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture:

Luke 2:41-51 *(read by Nancy Kent)*

Words of God that are still speaking.

Thanks be to God!

Reflection:

Ministry of Music *(by David, Kelsey and Krysi)*

Offering Invitation:

One: Just as each piece of coloured glass is added together to create one whole, beautiful window that portrays a story of Christ's life, we each offer our own unique gifts of time, talents, and finances to create the ministry of Knox United Church. Thank you for all the ways you add beauty, depth, and meaning to this ministry by following God's call in your life.

Offertory Response- VU 542 We Give Thee But Thine Own

**** Offering Dedication:**

All: Gracious God, receive all the gifts we offer this day. Through time, talents, and financial gifts, may your love and joy shine through our offerings and illuminate this world with hope. All this we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

****Blessing:**

One: As you leave this time of worship, may you remember that God's story is *your* story, and your story is God's. So, in the week to come, may the love of God, the passion of Christ, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit shine through your life in all you say and do. And in this way, Christ's Way, may you be blessed to be a blessing. Thanks be to God. Amen!

Parting Song: Go Now in Peace (Besig/Price)

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: Rev. Penny Nelson
Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. Kym Burke
Minister of Music & Dramatic Arts: John Lindsay-Botten
Church School Superintendent: Lynne Stewart
Youth Group: James O'Connell
Pastoral Care: Olive McIlDoon & Judy Hayes