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Gathering Song: MV 122 This Is the Day

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:**

We give you all thanks and praise with shouts of joy, O God,
for you have called us to a rich hope
and a glorious inheritance among the saints.

You fixed the world in place.

You formed a people for yourself.

Let us worship today the Christ who fills all in all.

****Opening Prayer:**

(All)

Risen and ascended Christ, you surround us with witnesses and send us the
Counselor who opens our minds to understand your teaching.

Bless us with such grace that as we worship this Sunday morning, our lives
may become a blessing for the world now, and in the age to come. Amen.

Opening Hymn: VU 158 Christ Is Alive

Prayer of Confession:

Holy Divine, help us not to dwell too much in the past, holding you to the
Galilean hills and the streets of Jerusalem, but to know you more and more as
our Saviour, ascended, present and always with us. Through the power of the
Holy Spirit. We repent of our indifference and forgetfulness of the past and ask
for forgiveness.

Words of Assurance:

As Jesus Christ instructed his followers,
the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name
from the holy city to the ends of the earth.

Our sins are forgiven; be at peace.

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 310** God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty, v. 6

****Hymn:** **VU 513** Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart

****Blessing:**

Go out into the world.
and in your words and in your lives
bear witness to the Christ who has ascended
to be everywhere present.
May God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation,
may Christ Jesus lift up his hands and bless you,
and may the Spirit open to you all the riches of Christ's inheritance.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

****Parting Song:** **MV 221** I Am Walking a Path of Peace

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