

Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: VU 396 Jesus, Stand Among Us

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:**

Good Friends, by the Spirit of the life-giving waters, the same Spirit who breathed life
and flames into the Church, peace be with you.

And also with you.

****Opening Prayer:**

(All)

Holy God, You spoke the world into being.

Pour Your Spirit to the ends of the earth, that Your children may return from
exile as citizens of your commonwealth, and our divisions may be healed by
your word of love and righteousness. Amen.

Opening Hymn: MV 87 Water Flowing from the Mountains

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we confess that we sometimes have difficulty waiting, and at times we
don't recognize the presence of Your Spirit in our lives. Slow us down in this moment
of prayer and song.

All sing VU 400 "Lord, listen to Your children praying"

We ask that You give us patience to sit in silence, paying attention to Your guidance
and waiting for Your inspiration.

All sing VU 400 "Lord, listen to Your children praying"

We ask that You help us to be open and to welcome the Spirit's coming into our lives.

All sing VU 400 "Lord, listen to Your children praying"

We ask that You give us the wisdom to recognize the Spirit's presence in our lives.

All sing VU 400 "Lord, listen to Your children praying"

In the name of the One who loved us first. **Amen.** Copyright, Gathering, Susan Silverthorne.

Words of Assurance:

Hear the assurance of Christ: Any of you who will trust me, come and drink deep.

The scriptures promised this, saying, "Rivers of life-giving water will well up from deep
within you." **Thanks be to God.**

Incidental Music: (offered by Tony Mombourquette)

Prayer of Illumination:

Perplexing, Pentecostal God, You infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream.

May the gift of Your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.

Scripture:

John 7: 37-39

- offered by John Lindsay-Botten

Acts 2:1-21

Words of God that is still speaking.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection:

- Reverend Judith Perry

Offering Invitation:

At Pentecost the Church became alive with the movement of the Holy Spirit. We welcome the Spirit, fully divine, to move within us, bringing us alive at this time when we offer our gifts and tithes to God's service. May the Spirit move.

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

****Offertory Response: MV 191 What Can I Do? (2x)**

****Offering Dedication:**

Life-Giving Spirit, bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions, and the breath of our caring, that our church and our service to others may come to life in your name. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

Empowering God, You gave the Church the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your Church today and hear our petitions.

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Grant that, gathered and directed by your Spirit, we may confess Christ as Lord and combine our diverse gifts with a singular passion to continue His mission in this world until we join in Your eternal praise. 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 625** I Feel the Winds of God Today

****Blessing:**

Go in peace, and may the Holy God surprise you on the way, Christ Jesus be your company, and the Spirit lift up your life. Amen.

****Ministry of Music as Parting Song: The Hymnal 252** Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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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