

February 25, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP – Rev. Tom Woods

Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: VU 663 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Announcements:

Welcome:

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

All are welcome by God's grace.

****Call to Worship:**

Praise God, all you people!

Honour God, you children of Jacob!

Worship God, you people of Israel!

**In the presence of all who are gathered here,
we remember God and will turn to God always.**

We see and name God in the ordinary events of our lives.

We seek God, knowing that God lives with us.

God remembers all people and does not ignore their suffering.

God does not turn away from anyone's cry for help.

We will speak of God to the coming generation –
people not yet born will be told how God saves.

We praise you, God, for all you have done.

****Opening Prayer:**

**God of ancient wisdom, present faith and future hope,
we thank you for your covenant made with Abraham and Sarah
and with all the generations that have followed.**

In Jesus, you have shown us that even after death you are with us.

**May your stories live in us as beacons of hope and faith
when times are difficult, that we may do your will and follow your ways. Amen.**

****Opening Hymn: SA 87 Woke Up This Mornin'**

Scripture:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

- offered by Dave Duggan

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 8: 31-38

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Reverend Tom Woods

Ministry of Music: Higher Ground – words Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1892); music Michael Hurley, BMI

Minute for Mission:

Offering Invitation:

Hymn During Offering: VU 561 Take Up Your Cross

****Offertory Response: VU 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**

****Offering Dedication:**

Prayers of the People:

The Lords Prayer:

****Hymn: VU 120 O Jesus, I Have Promised**

****Blessing:**

****Parting Song: VU 572 Send Me Lord / SA 157 Benediction**

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. Tom Woods
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