

January 7, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP – Rev. Tom Woods

Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: MV 3 River

Announcements:

Birthday Church:

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:**

God of love, you made us, and you care for us.

Jesus Christ, living water, refresh us now we pray.

You have promised to be with us forever.

**You call us by name,
and claim us in the waters of baptism.**

Jesus, brother, friend, you bring the promises of God to us in ways that lead to new life.

Jesus Christ, living water, refresh us now we pray.

****Opening Prayer:**

Loving God, from the beginning of time you have been with us:
shining a light into the dark and cold places in our lives.

On this day when we celebrate the baptism of Jesus we thank you for all the opportunities for new beginnings that you are always placing before us.

Help us not to take them for granted, but to celebrate all the many ways you bring new surprises to us in our daily living. Amen.

****Opening Hymn: VU 100 When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized**

Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-5

- read by Nancy Kent

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 1: 4-11

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Reverend Tom Woods

Ministry of Music: VU 384 The Lone Wild Bird

Minute for Mission:

Offering Invitation:

Hymn During Offering: VU 99 When for Us You Were Baptized

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

****Offering Dedication:**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

****Hymn: VU 82 A Light Is Gleaming**

****Blessing:**

****Parting Song: Go Now in Peace (*Don Besig/Nancy 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. Tom Woods
Minister of Music & Dramatic Arts: John Lindsay-Botten
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