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OUR MISSION

**TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE
BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF
JESUS:**

showing mercy,
promoting justice,
offering forgiveness,
acceptance, and hope.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, March 1, 2020

**THE TRANSFORMATION
OF BAPTISM**

with

Rev Sandra Cox



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.

(** indicates rising in body or spirit as you are able)
(The congregation reads together the words in bold print).

Gathering Music: VU 400 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* x2

Ministry of Music: Down to the River to Pray - arranged by Sheldon Curry

Welcome All are welcome in this place.
All are welcome by God's grace.

Lighting of the Affirmation Candle

Lighting of the Christ Candle - *Children, please come forward during the song.*

Singing: Light of Christ - words and music: Pat Mayberry, © 2020
- arrangement: David Kai © 2020

Light of Christ, shine in and through me.

Light of Love, be with me now.

Take these hands, healing hands.

Light of Christ, flow through me now.

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Children's Church:

****Call to Worship**

John the Baptist calls out to us

"Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Let us prepare our lives
and our life together as God's people,
in the presence of the Lord.

**Let us join together in confessing
the rough places and the valleys that need
to be leveled and smoothed by God's grace.**

Let us join together in worship.

**** Opening Prayer**

God Eternal, as we are bound in the tangles of our times, we need some time with you. As we are chafing for freedom and grace, we yearn for your liberating touch upon our souls. As we are embarrassed by our own follies, compounded by our self-deception, we need to have you reform us and restore us and make us truly children of the Most High. This is how we come to you, in such need and in great hope that today we may hear and see you in all things. Amen.

****Singing:** VU 100 *When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized*

Announcements

Ministry of Music: *If I Have Been the Source of Pain*

~ Spanish words by Sarah M. de Hall, based on a text by C. M. Battersby; English trans. By Janet W. May, 1992; music by Pablo Sosa; Copyright © 1988 Pablo Sosa, Argentina 1998

Offering Invitation

Music during the Offering: VU 108 *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights (to FULDA)*

****Offertory Response: VU 542** *We Give You But Your Own*

****Offering Dedication:**

Through your power, loving God, take these portions that we give today and increase their ability to be building blocks for your kingdom. May they help to further assemble your church as a beacon of hope in your realm that shines out the message of your power and glory. Amen.

Scripture:

Luke 3:15-22

~ Janet Mombourquette

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

Message: **THE TRANSFORMATION OF BAPTISM - Rev. Sandra Cox**

Service of Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

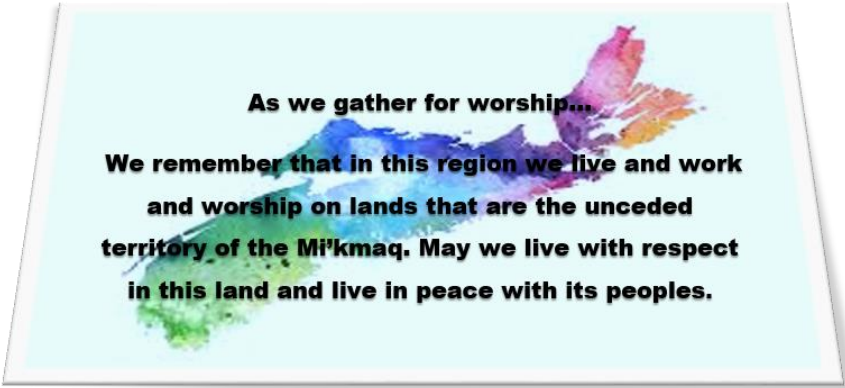
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

****Blessing**

****Singing: VU 697 O for a World**

Postlude



As we gather for worship...
**We remember that in this region we live and work
and worship on lands that are the unceded
territory of the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect
in this land and live in peace with its peoples.**

**~ Thank you to guest musicians
Michael Butz & Nick Murray
for joining us today. ~**

Greeters: Hope Holman, Gerda Hudson, Joyce Warner

Elders: Angie MacRae, Pauline Stanick-Kerr



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