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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 15, 2020

**The Courage of Growing:
Do Not Be Afraid**

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with

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke



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: MV 90 *Don't Be Afraid*

Blessing:

- Elle Michaels

Lighting of the Affirmation Candle

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Singing: MV 138 *My Love Colours Outside the Lines*

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Children's Church: The Secret Society - The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke & Walter

Presentations & Acknowledgements

****Call to Worship:**

We come to this place often in despair.

Loving God, we are searching for the light of your compassion.

We come to this place seeking meaning for our lives.

Loving God, we are searching for your light that guides the way.

We come to this place with concerns for the ones we love.

Loving God, we are searching for your light that shows us how to care.

We come to this place knowing that you gave us Jesus to teach us all of these things.

Loving God, we are ready to let the light of Jesus shine in our lives.

****Opening Prayer in Unison:**

Let us pray together:

Thank you, God, for your gift in Jesus.

Strengthen us to walk in hope with Christ,
that we might throw off our chains of bondage,
becoming new people, ready to follow in truth and in deed.

Shine your light into our hearts, that your rainbow
promise of welcome is shared:

with all people, in all places, in every way. Amen.

****Singing:** MV 154 *Deep in Our Hearts*

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Announcements

Offering Invitation

Ministry of Music during the Offering: With Open Hearts

- words and music by Mary-Ellen Kish

****Offertory Response: MV 191 *What Can I Do?***

****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.

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.

Scripture:

Psalm 67

- Beth Martin

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

- Vanessa Voerman

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Message:

The Courage of Growing: Do Not Be Afraid

- *The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke*

****Singing: MV 145 *Draw the Circle Wide***

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****Blessing**

****Parting Song: *Go Now in Peace***

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Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day,
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see,
God will be there, watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.

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.**

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