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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 8, 2020

The JOURNEY

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).

Prelude

Lighting of the Affirmation Candle

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

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

Singing: VU 121 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (vs 1, 2, 3)

Children's Church:

**Call to Worship:

Jesus, teacher, friend, and guide, be with us this morning as we pause to gather together.

We are a community of faith and of faithfulness, led by your star into new adventures of spreading your Good News.

Today, as we sing, praise, and pray, open us to listen as you give us our instructions for the days ahead.

**Opening Prayer in Unison:

As the sun rises to be the light of this physical world, so you rise before me to be the light for my spiritual path. Give me the assurance that you have placed along the path all that I will need to meet the challenges of this day. In expectation, I await discovering you. Amen.

**Singing: VU 115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

Announcements

Minute for Mission

Offering Invitation

Ministry of Music during the Offering: VU 113 *To the Desert Jesus Came*

****Offerory 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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sung at VU 960)

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:

Matthew 4:1-11

- Don Acker

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

Message:

THE JOURNEY

- Rev. Sandra Cox

****Singing:** VU 121 *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (vs 4, 5, 2ND Sunday)*

****Blessing**

****Parting Song:** VU 965 *The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee*

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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Elders: Don Acker, Jennifer Williams



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