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****Gathering Song:** VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Announcements:

Welcome:

The light of Christ shines within us. (*Elder lights Christ candle*).

We are worshipping on unceded Mi'kmak'i land;

acknowledging that we are all people of the Peace and Friendship Treaty.

(*Elder lights Peace Candle*)

The Holy Embrace encompasses us all. (*Elder lights Affirmation candle*)

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

All are welcome by God's grace.

****Call to Worship:**

No matter who we are, God calls us together.

We're glad to be part of God's family!

Even when we disagree, God loves us and forgives us.

It's God's hope and desire that we will get along with one another.

We're glad to be part of God's family!

As the people of God, let us unite our hearts in worshipping God.

****Opening Prayer:**

Loving God, like an ideal mother or father you love us without limit.

You forgive us over and over and over again.

**You call us to try better, and applaud all our efforts –
no matter how great or small.**

Don't ever give up on us, God.

**Don't ever stop loving us even when we do things that are
wrong and confusing. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

****Opening Hymn:** VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God

Scripture:

Genesis 45: 1-15

- read by Florence Carman

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 15:21-28

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message

- Reverend Tom Woods

Ministry of Music: Any Dream Will Do

Offering Invitation:

****Hymn During Offering: VU 560** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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

****Offering Dedication:**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

****Hymn: VU 663** My Faith Looks Up to Thee

****Blessing:**

****Parting Song: MV 213** Take Up His Song (of Faith)

**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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