

Please stand where \*\* is indicated

**\*\*Gathering Song:** MV 92 Like a Rock

**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:**

God calls us to be new people!

**We are invited to use our many gifts and talents to the glory of God.**

In this time of worship, let us open ourselves to the working of God's Spirit.

**Transform us and change us, and make us new.**

**\*\*Opening Prayer:**

**Ever-loving, Ever-living God,**

**we have answered your joyous and universal  
call to praise and thanksgiving.**

**We have answered your call to Sabbath rest for all.**

**We have gathered today side by side, your faith-filled followers,  
to declare our steadfast love and to thank you for your undying love  
that opens us to the way of joy.**

**Bless this time of worship, we pray. Amen**

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** VU 595 We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)

**Scripture:**

Exodus 1:8-2:10

- offered by Nancy Kent

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 16:13-20

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**- Reverend Tom Woods**

**Ministry of Music:** There Came a Time in Egypt

**Offering Invitation:**

**\*\*Hymn During Offering: VU 508 Just As I Am**

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

**\*\*Offering Dedication:**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn: VU 427 To Show by Touch and Word**

**\*\*Blessing:**

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

**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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