

Please stand where \*\* is indicated

**\*\*Gathering Song:** VU 222 Come, Let Us Sing

**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:**

Our God feeds us and loves us.

**Our God cares for each and every one of us.**

Our God hears every one of our prayers.

**Come, let us worship God.**

**\*\*Opening Prayer:**

**May your presence be known this day, O God. May it reside in the hidden places in our hearts and in the farthest reaches of creation. As we gather to be fed with your spirit, O God, May we trust that you will feed us abundantly.**

**Amen.**

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** VU 234 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

**Scripture:**

Genesis 32:22-31

- offered by Valerie Parsons

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 14:13-21

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**- Reverend Tom Woods**

**Offering Invitation:**

## **Ministry of Music During Offering:**

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

**\*\*Offering Dedication:**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn:** VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**\*\*Blessing:**

**\*\*Parting Song:** Go Now in Peace (*Besig/Price*)

## **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 Pastoral Care:

Minister of Music & Dramatic Arts: John Lindsay-Botten

Church School Superintendent: Lynne Stewart

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