

**February 11, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP – Rev. Tom Woods**

**Please stand where \*\* is indicated**

**Gathering Song:** VU 220 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Announcements:**

**Birthday Church:**

**Time for All Ages:**

**Hymn (as the children depart):** VU 570 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

**Welcome:**

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 of grace and glory, you call to the whole earth - from east to west,  
from north to south. You gather your faithful people to you,  
those who have made a covenant with you.

**Fill us with your light which guides our paths.**

**Touch our lives with mystery and hope**

**that we may be made over in the image of your son, Jesus Christ.**

**As we share his ministry, may we share your blessing.**

**\*\*Opening Prayer:**

**Creator God, whose love is higher than the heavens!**

**Righteous God, whose love extends from the mountains and seas  
to every living thing! You take us under your wing, loving God,  
where we find refuge. You give us hope and possibility for the journey.  
You transform our lives with your compassion.**

**May your love flow in us and through us, for now and for eternity. Amen**

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** VU 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

**Scripture:**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*- offered by Marilyn King*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Mark 9: 2-9

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**Reverend Tom Woods**

**Ministry of Music:** Higher Ground *words by Johnson Oatman Jr., music by Michael Hurley*

**Minute for Mission:**

## **Offering Invitation:**

**Hymn During Offering:** Reach Out and Touch (*Hymnal 314*)

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

**\*\*Offering Dedication:**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn:** VU 670 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**\*\*Blessing:**

**\*\*Parting Song:** VU 422 God Be with You (*v.1 & refrain*)

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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.**

### **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  
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