

January 21, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP – Rev. Tom Woods

Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: VU 352 Lord of the Dance

Announcements:

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:**

We come before you with open hearts and minds,
ready to hear your voice and to follow where you lead us.

Fill us with courage and faith. You are our rock and our salvation.

You are our refuge and strength. We put our trust in you always.

You have spoken to us and invited us to travel with you.

Power and love belong to you, God; you are our hope and our salvation.

We trust you, God. Come, let us worship.

****Opening Prayer:**

Here in this place, O God,

**we celebrate the good news you have proclaimed and which we have heard:
you love the world so much that you sent Jesus to be our friend,
to offer us new life.**

May we do more than celebrate:

**may we take that news into our daily lives,
that it might change the way we live,
and that we might share it with others.**

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

****Opening Hymn: MV 113 Jesus Saw them Fishing**

Scripture:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

- read by Pat Galbraith

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 1: 14-20

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Reverend Tom Woods

Ministry of Music: As Long as We Follow (*Na Nzela na lola*)

- as found at MV 140

Minute for Mission:

Offering Invitation:

Hymn During Offering: VU 608 Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind

****Offertory Response: SA 57** O What a Wonderful Gift (*incl. v3*)

****Offering Dedication:**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

****Hymn: VU 562** Jesus Calls Us

****Blessing:**

****Parting Song: MV 216** Wherever You May Go

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
Church School Superintendent: Lynne Stewart
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