January 28, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP – Rev. Robert Chapman Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: VU 344 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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 walk in faith into this place of worship ready to follow Jesus wherever we may travel.

We ask that Jesus' love may be with us.

We ask for a word of support from God;

a word that feeds us in the journey of life.

A word that lifts us up when the road is dusty;

a word that enables us to travel the second mile and more with a smile on our heart.

Our faith is in the love of God.

Our faith is well founded, let us worship together in the Love of Jesus.

**Opening Prayer: by Giles of Assisi

Blessed is he who loves and does not therefore desire to be loved; Blessed is he who fears and does not therefore desire to be feared; Blessed is he who serves and does not therefore desire to be served; Blessed is he who behaves well toward others and does not desire that others behave well toward him. Amen

**Opening Hymn: VU 334 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

- offered by Thelma Carter

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

Mark 1: 21-28

Hear the Witness of the Gospel. Thanks be to God.

<u>Message</u>

Reverend Robert Chapman

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Minute for Mission:

Offering Invitation:

Hymn During Offering: VU 313 God, Whose Almighty Word ****Offertory Response**: **SA 57** O What a Wonderful Gift (*incl. v4*)

**Offering Dedication:

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: VU 575 I'm Gonna Live So God can Use Me

**Blessing:

**Parting Song: MV 215 Peace Be with You

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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