March 10, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP – Rev. Tom Woods Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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:

Give thanks to God, who is good, whose love lasts forever and ever!

We thank you with songs of joy and tell all what you have done for us.

We thank you, God, for you are good and your love lasts forever and ever!

In our trouble we call to you, God, and you save us from our distress.

We thank you, God, for you are good and your love lasts forever and ever.

**Opening Prayer:

On this Sunday of joy, we pause to remember that even in cold and difficult times, such as this season of Lent, we are never alone. May we always remember, loving God, that you are with us – to comfort, strengthen, and challenge us. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: VU 559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Scripture:

Numbers 21:4-9

- offered by Janet Mombourquette

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

John 3:14-21

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

Message Reverend Tom Woods

<u>Ministry of Music</u>: God So Loved – A Medley of Hope – arr. Chuck Bridwell & JLB

(Beautiful Savior/God So Loved the World/Jesus Paid It All)

Minute for Mission:

Offering Invitation:

Hymn During Offering: VU 147 What Wondrous Love Is This

**Offertory Response: VU 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Offering Dedication:

Prayers of the People:

The Lords Praver:

**Hymn: VU 665 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour

**Blessing:

**Parting Song: SA 156 Blessing (words Joyce Rupp; music Linnea Good)

/Go Now in Peace (words Nancy Price & Don Besig; music Don Besig)

OUR MISSION

TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE
BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:
showing mercy,
promoting justice,
offering forgiveness,
acceptance, and hope.

Christ's Disciples in Ministry: Everyone

Minister of Worship, Outreach and Faith Formation: Rev.

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John Lindsay-Botten wishes to thank the following for their musical contributions to this morning's service:

> Moira Findlay, flute Nina Woulff, oboe Janet Kawchuk, clarinet Danielle Findlay, bassoon

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.