

**Gathering Song: VU 131** If Our God Had Simply Saved Us (vv. 1-3, 5, 10, 15)

**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:** And this is the judgment:

that the truth has come into the world, and we loved our illusions,  
rather than the reality.

**God is true; in God there is no falseness at all.**

For God was in Jesus, not to condemn the world but to restore the world.

**Everyone who does evil hates the truth,  
and does not live in the spirit of love.**

**But all who do what is true, live in the Spirit.**

**Come let us worship in spirit and in truth.**

**Hymn:** VU 593 Jesus, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

**Prayer of Confession:**

Examine me, O God, and know my heart; test and judge my thoughts.

**Find any deceit in me and guide me in the way of life.**

...*Silence*...

Create in me a new heart, O God,

**And strengthen me with a constant spirit!**

**Words of Assurance**

All God asks of us is a humble spirit.

**God accepts a contrite heart.**

God has delivered us from death,  
our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling.

**We walk with God in the land of the living.**

**Prayer of Illumination:**

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal  
your son established a new covenant for all people,  
and in the washing of feet  
he showed us the dignity of service.

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Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these signs of our life in faith  
may speak again to our hearts,  
feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. **Amen**

### **The Hebrew origin story of the Passover celebration**

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

### **The Disciples sang psalms at their celebration of Passover.**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, found at VU 836

### **Saint Paul's recollection of the Last Supper**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### **John's narrative of the Last Supper**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### **Reflection**

### **Prayer**

God of the covenant,  
as we celebrate the beginning of the paschal feast,  
we come to the table of the Lord  
in whom we have salvation, life, and resurrection.  
Renew the power of this mystery  
in our service to one another and to you,  
so that with Christ we may pass from this life  
to the glory of your kingdom. Amen.

### **Peace**

On the night he ate supper for the last time with his friends,  
Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."  
May the peace of Jesus be with you all.

**Offering Invitation:** With joy, this evening, let us present offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's Church.

**Hymn:** VU 132 Bitter Was the Night

**Offering Response:** VU 544 In Gratitude and Humble Trust

### **Offering Dedication:**

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,  
We bring our gifts to You, O God,  
Help us to give with them  
a ready mind,  
a willing spirit,  
and a joyful heart. Amen



## Prayer Requests

### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us lift up our hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We do indeed bring you a gift of thanks, O God,  
as we raise the cup of freedom in your name,  
for you have made a covenant with us in the blood of Christ  
and broken us free from the grip of death.

In your creative love, you brought the world to birth,  
and from the first you loved all who live in it.  
You heard the cries of your suffering people  
and protected them with the blood of the Passover lamb  
as you struck down those who oppressed them.

You sent your Son, Jesus, as our Teacher and Lord  
and gave all things into his hands.

Laying aside his power,

he gave himself to us in humble service

and taught us to love one another as he had loved us.

When the hour for his departure came,

he was betrayed by a friend and his body broken on the cross.

With his outpoured blood you marked out those

who will follow where he has gone,

into the promised land of resurrection life. (*cont'd...*)

Therefore, with all the saints of every place we join the angels in their praise.

**Hymn: VU 934** Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus and Benedictus*)

- *setting by Stuart Semple, replacing "the Lord" with "God"*

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### The Prayer of Jesus

## Communion

### Prayer after Communion

God our Saviour, power of loving service in the world, we thank you for Jesus who on the night that he was betrayed gave himself to his friends in humble service.

May we do the same for the whole world, as we follow his example. Amen.

### The stripping of the Church

### We depart in silence

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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.

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## 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.

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