

November 19, 2023 ORDER OF WORSHIP – Rev. Tom Woods

Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: MV29 How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place

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:**

In this cool season, as bright colors fade and bare limbs are exposed;

God is in our midst.

In the hills outlined against the rising sun, and the muted sounds of early morning walkers along the shore; God is in our midst.

In the faces of families, children, parents, grandparents and in those alone, in the hurrying and the daydreaming;

God is in our midst.

In life touching other life, moments of kindness, sharing of joys, caring for others; God is in our midst.

****Opening Prayer:**

O God, we like to bury our talents. We confine your grace to ourselves rather than passing it on to others. Regardless of what you have entrusted us, we often envy those who have more. At other times, we do not see possessions as an entrustment you have given us, but as that of our own doing and very little of yours. We prefer to invest in ourselves rather than in the life to which you have called us as disciples.

Restore our stewardship to us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

****Opening Hymn: MV 26 Your Love is Amazing (Hallelujah)**

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- read by Marilyn King

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25: 14-30

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Reverend Tom Woods

Ministry of Music: O God We Yearn for Safety - words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Mission and Service Stories

Offering Invitation:

Hymn During Offering: VU 663 My Faith Looks Up To Thee

****Offertory Response: Praise**

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****Offering Dedication:**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

****Hymn: VU 688 O Day of God, Draw Nigh**

****Blessing:**

****Parting Song: MV 212 Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

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
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