

November 5, 2023 ORDER OF WORSHIP – Rev. Tom Woods

Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: VU 353 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

Announcements:

Time for All Ages:

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 wake to a world of beauty and catastrophe, a world of vision and violence, compassion and cowardice.

We live in such a wounded world—beyond the grief of natural disasters, we face the devastation of human violence.

Help us God to give prayerful expression to our present grief.

****Opening Prayer:**

O God, you sent us the Prince of Peace to teach us your way but we are slow to learn and quick to forget. Help us to remember that small acts, joined together, shape society. Remind us of the dangers of hateful words and mean actions. Guide us in all our actions so that our small acts of love and kindness may shape a society of justice and mercy, security and peace for all. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** Lord, You Teach Us to Be Humble

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

- read by Janet Mombourquette

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 23: 1-12

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Reverend Tom Woods

Ministry of Music: **Peace** - words and music by Patricia Mock; choral setting by Richard A. Nichols

Mission and Service Stories:

- Vanessa Voerman

Offering Invitation:

Hymn During Offering: Lord, You Teach Us to Be Humble

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****Offertory Response:** Praise

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****Offering Dedication:**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

****Hymn:** VU 288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

****Blessing:**

****Procession of the Wreath**

– Wayne Johnson with

They shall grow not old
as we who are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;
at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.
We will remember them.

****In Flanders' Fields**

– read by Heather Jones

****O Canada:**

**Last Post
Two Minutes of Silence
Reveille**

****Parting Song:** Go Now In Peace

- words by Don Besig and Nancy Price

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.
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