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****Gathering Song:** VU 232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Announcements:

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:**

God called the people of Israel to be ready to leave slavery in Egypt.

Are we ready for God to lead us into a new life?

St. Paul reminds us of Jesus' call to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Are we ready to love one another?

Jesus calls us to work out our differences and find ways to get along.

Are we ready to work together to proclaim the gospel?

Yes, we are ready! Then let us worship God!

****Opening Prayer:**

God of freedom, God of love, God of new life:

we gather here within the sacred circle of this community

to learn about your love. We want to love one another,

and we want to love you. We know that those things go hand in hand.

Help us to be your loving people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** This Is My Commandment - *author/composer unknown; words v.3 JLB*

Scripture:

Romans 13: 8-14

- read by John Lindsay-Botten

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 18: 15-20

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message

- Reverend Tom Woods

Ministry of Music:

Offering Invitation:

****Hymn During Offering:** Where Two or Three Are Gathered /
MV 14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered

****Offertory Response:** **VU 542** We Give You but Your Own

**Offering Dedication:

**Covenanting:

We covenant to...

teach and to learn together...

to be inclusive and welcoming...

to show care and concern for one another...

to reach out to people here in our community and around the world...

to worship and to share in the sacraments...

to be good stewards of our time, talents and money and take care with legacies that have been left to us by generations that came before us.

We, the faith community of Knox United, covenant once again with God and with each other. We promise to be led by God and to work together to uphold and support one another as we fulfill our ministry.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

****Final Hymn:** **VU 333** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**Blessing:

****Parting Song:** Go Now in Peace

- 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.

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