

Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: MV 121 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah

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: (*from Psalm 16*)

One: Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge.

All: We say to God, "You are my Lord; we have no good apart from you."

One: God is our chosen portion and our cup.

All: God shows us the path of life.

In God's presence there is fullness of joy.

In God's right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Opening Prayer:

Mighty God,

in whom we know the power of redemption,

you stand among us in the shadows of our time.

As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,

uphold us with knowledge of the final morning

when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,

we will share in his resurrection,

redeemed and restored to the fullness of life

and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

**Hymn: VU 211 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer of Confession:

One: Let us confess our shortcomings, recalling the words of Christ.

Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

All: Yet sometimes we sow discord, neglecting to make peace.

One: Jesus said, "As God has sent me, so I send you,"

All: Yet sometimes we refuse to go, fearing to follow unknown paths of faith.

One: Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

All: But we turn away, rejecting the gifts of the Spirit. ...silence...

One: Forgive us, we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance:

In the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus has commissioned us to announce the forgiveness of sins.

You who have put your faith in Jesus the Messiah will receive the outcome of your faith, mercy for your sins and resurrection life in Christ.

Your sins are forgiven;
be at peace.

Prayer of Illumination

Blessed are you,
O God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom we receive the legacy of a living hope,
born again not only from his death
but also from his resurrection.

May we hear these words today grow together as your community of faith. Amen.

Scripture:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

- offered by Mary Brill

John 20:19-31

Words of God that is still speaking.

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: The Risen Lord - composed by Chris DeBurgh, offered by Steve Tugwell

Reflection:

- Reverend Judith Perry

Offering Invitation

Hymn during Offering: VU 185 You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen

**Offertory Response: VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace

**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

Prayers of the People

O God, your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection,
teaching them to love all people as neighbors.
As his disciples in this age,

we offer our prayers on behalf of the universe
in which we are privileged to live
and our neighbors with whom we share it. (cont'd)

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Open our hearts to your power moving
around us and between us and within us,
until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy,
in communities transformed by justice and compassion,
and in the healing of all that is broken.

The Prayer of Jesus

****Hymn:** VU 173 Thine is the Glory

****Blessing:**

As the Father sent Christ Jesus, so now you are sent.
Go then, with your hearts rejoicing,
as those who have touched the marks of truth.
Endure suffering, forgive sins, and love the Lord.
And may God's power be your protection;
May Christ Jesus reach out to you with words of peace;
And may the Holy Spirit fill you with indescribable and glorious joy.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

****Parting Song:** MU 215 Peace Be with You

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,