

Please stand where ** is indicated

Prelude:

Gathering Song: VU 703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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:

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our voices! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in God's word we hope.

Opening Prayer:

God of the living,

through baptism we pass from the shadow of death

to the light of the resurrection.

Remain with us and give us hope

that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit

who gives life to our mortal flesh,

we may be clothed with the garment of immortality,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: VU 121 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (vv. 1, 4, 5th Sunday)

Prayer of Confession

God forgives and heals us.

We need your healing, merciful God, give us true repentance.

Some sins are plain to us, some escape us, some we cannot face.

Forgive us. Set us free to hear your Word to us. Set us free to serve you.

Hymn: MV 67 Kyrie Eleison

Words of Assurance: God forgives and heals us.

Minute for Mission

Hymn: VU 382 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Prayer of Illumination:

Eternal God,
In the reading of the scripture may Your Word be heard;
In the meditation of our hearts, may Your Word be known;
And in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown,
Amen

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 11:1-45

- offered by ???
- offered reader's theatre-style

Words of God that is still speaking.
Thanks be to God.

Reflection:

- Reverend Judith Perry

Ministry of Music: ?? –offered by Moira Findlay and Steve Tugwell
– might be moved in the OoW

Offering Invitation

Hymn during Offering: VU 326 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**Offertory Response: When Giving Your Gifts (v. 4)

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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:

As Jesus, in the days before his passion,
offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears,
let us pray for those who suffer, those who are in need,
and those who seek reconciliation.

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

God of compassion,
you know our faults and yet you promised to forgive.
Keep us in your presence and give us your wisdom.
Open our hearts to gladness,
call dry bones to dance,
and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

Blessing: Go now and walk in the light of Christ.
Trust in the one who is resurrection and life.
Stand firm before the forces of death
and speak words of life.

And may God raise you up and give life to your bodies;
May Christ Jesus dwell in you in righteousness;
And may the Holy Spirit be the life in your every breath.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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

Postlude: TBD

- offered by Moira Findlay, Steve Tugwell (and JLB?)

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. Penny Nelson
Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. Kym Burke
Minister of Music & Dramatic Arts: John Lindsay-Botten
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