

May 12, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP – Rev. Tom Woods

Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: MV 178 Who Is My Mother?

Announcements:

Sunday School Presentations:

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:**

God of eternal life and truth,

We gather in this holy place to worship you.

We are happy because we follow your way!

We listen to your Word,

sing songs of praise and ask you to hear our prayers.

We try to hear and obey your commandments and the ways you want us to live.

We are like trees rooted in good soil and bearing good fruit.

Like our Mothers who raised and nurtured us,

you guide and protect us all the days of our lives.

Thanks be to you, God. Alleluia!

****Opening Prayer:**

God, on this day when we celebrate and give thanks for our families and especially our mothers, we recognize that we do not all come carrying the same experiences and memories.

Some of us come feeling blessed, sustained by happy memories, looking forward to life together with those we love.

Some of us have been hurt: our memories bitter; we dread those times when "family togetherness" is unavoidable.

Many of us carry a mixed bag of blessing and hurt: sometimes we give thanks; sometimes we lament.

Whoever we are, whatever we bring with us today, may we all find a place in Christ's family, in whose name we pray. Amen.

****Opening Hymn: VU 556 Would You Bless Our Home and Families**

Scripture:

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

John 17: 6-19

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Reverend Tom Woods

Ministry of Music: Lord, Lift Me Up (*Words by Johnson Oatman, Jr.;*
music by Joseph M. Martin)

Offering Invitation:

Hymn During Offering: MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

****Offertory Response:** MV 191 What Can I Do?

****Offering Dedication:**

Prayers of the People:

The Lords Prayer:

****Hymn:** VU 580 Faith of Our Fathers

****Blessing**

****Parting Song:** MV 215 Peace Be With You /
Go Now in Peace (*words Nancy Price & Don Besig; music Don Besig*)

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.