

August 4, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP – Rev. Bob Chapman

Please stand where ** is indicated

****Gathering Song: VU 312 Praise with Joy the World's Creator**

Announcements:

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 gather today, in a spiritual way; a way that celebrates visions and dreams.

**We open our hearts to new ways of seeing,
ways that bring us closer to the heart of God.**

We give thanks for the freedom to worship, to love one another, as Christ loves us.

**Let us together celebrate the love God gives us.
Let us show gladness as we worship in the joy
and love of God displayed in Jesus' life.
And may we carry that love to all whom we meet.**

****Opening Prayer:**

(St. Patrick)

**Lord, be with us this day,
within us to purify us;
above us to draw us up;
beneath us to sustain us;
before us to lead us;
behind us to restrain us;
around us to protect us.
Amen.**

****Opening Hymn: VU 324 Jesus, Come to Our Hearts**

Scripture:

Daniel 1: 1-17

- offered by Olive McIlldoon

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 137 (as found at VU 858)

(Refrain)

**By the waters, the waters of Babylon,
we sat down and wept, and wept, for Zion.
We remember, we remember,
we remember Zion.**

(One)

By the rivers of Babylon, we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion.

**There on the willows we hung up our harps
when our captors asked us for songs.**

Our tormentors called for entertainment, saying,

'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!' (R)

How could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my hands wither!

Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you,

if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. (R)

Revelation 21: 1-22

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Be A Dreamer

Reverend Bob Chapman

Ministry of Music: Wake O My Soul

*offered by Halifax Newcomer Choir
- words and Music by Pat Mayberry*

Offering Invitation:

Hymn During Offering: VU 271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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

****Offering Dedication:**

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer:

****Hymn:** VU 713 I See a New Heaven

****Blessing:**

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

(words by Nancy Price & Don Besig; music by 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.

Christ's Disciples in Ministry: Everyone
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