

June 16, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP –
Please stand where ** is indicated

Gathering Song: MV 21 Open Our Hearts

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:**

- offered by Vanessa Voerman

We gather today on this sacred soil of the mi'kmaq people to worship,
to celebrate, and to lament!

**We honour the First Nations people of this treaty area
who for thousands of years have lived on this land,
honouring the Creator and living in harmony with creation.**

We acknowledge their stewardship and relationship with the land,
its plants and animals, and the lakes and streams.

**We praise God with joy and thanksgiving,
and seek God's wisdom for right relationship!**

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****Opening Prayer:**

**Great Spirit, you have always been, and before you nothing was.
There is no one to pray to but you. The star nations all over the heavens
are yours and yours are the grasses of the earth.
You are older than all need, older than all pain and prayer.
Great Spirit, fill us with light.
Give us the strength to understand and eyes to see.
Teach us to walk the soft earth as relatives of all who live.
Help us, for without you we are nothing. Amen**

****Opening Hymn: VU 371 Open My Eyes That I May See**

Scripture:

Psalm 121 (*found at VU 844*)

- offered by Florence Carman

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Philippians 4: 4-9

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message: What Do You See?

Reflection by Olive McIlldoon

Ministry of Music: A Place in the Valley (*words and music by Nancy Price & Don Besig*)

Minute for Mission

- offered by Vanessa Voerman

Offering Invitation:

- offered by Gardia Voerman

Hymn During Offering: VU 664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

****Offertory Response: VU 544 In Gratitude and Humble Trust**

****Offering Dedication:**

**We give these gifts, God, knowing that all that we have is a gift from you.
Your creative wonder surrounds us every day,
and the bounties of your world enable us to share what we have received.
As we give thanks for what we have,
encourage us to share these gifts for the care and service of others.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

Prayers of the People:

- offered by Carolyn Silver-Crouse

The Lord's Prayer:

****Hymn: VU 238 How Great Thou Art**

****Blessing**

- offered by Vanessa Voerman

****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.