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****Gathering Song:** MV 18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

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:**

Come into this sacred space to worship God.

We come seeking sanctuary for our souls and for our hearts.

Connected online or in person, may we know faith-filled community with one another.

As people of this family of faith, we come for divine nurture.

****Opening Prayer:**

We come, O God, yearning for communion within your restorative Spirit.

When our energy and our enthusiasm wane, recharge our will that we may

reach out into the world. When we question and doubt,

immerse our souls within your wisdom and your guidance.

When we worry and wonder too much, calm our hearts, settle our minds,

and free our dreams. In our praying, in our engaging with scripture,

and in our singing, may we be restored, renewed,

and replenished into the Way of Jesus. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** VU 325 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Scripture:

Exodus 3:1-15

- read by Jennifer Williams

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 16:21-28

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Message

- Reverend Tom Woods

Ministry of Music:

Offering Invitation:

****Hymn During Offering:** VU 348 O Love, How Deep v 1, 4, 7

****Offertory Response:** VU 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

****Offering Dedication:**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

****Hymn:** VU 561 Take Up Your Cross

****Blessing:**

****Parting Song:** MV 213 Take Up His Song (of Love)

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. Tom Woods
Minister of Music & Dramatic Arts: John Lindsay-Botten
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