

Please stand where \*\* is indicated

**Gathering Song:** VU 626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus *(to different tune)*

**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:**

On a hot summer day in the dust of a parched land.

**In a warm summer rain while running for shelter.**

On a beach by the shore where the water sparkles or the waves roar.

**In a wide-open sky filled with stars past counting.**

In a car, singing songs, when the journey's been long,

**God is there. Here in this place, God is here.**

**\*\*Opening Prayer:**

**God takes no summer holiday, but calls us from our tasks and from our fun to enjoy worship and fellowship together on this special day, the first day of the week. God urges us to observe Sabbath, to rest and to enjoy creation. Let us praise God!**

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

**Scripture:**

Genesis 25:19-34

*offered by Marilyn King*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Hear the Witness of the Gospel.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Ministry of Music:** When Seed Falls on Good Soil *(found at VU 503)*

Message

- Reverend Tom Woods

**Offering Invitation:**

**Hymn During Offering: MV 174 Soil of God, You and I**

**\*\*Offertory Response: VU 538 For the Gift of Creation**

**\*\*Offering Dedication:**

**\*\* Hymn: VU 378 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn: VU 520 We Plough the Fields**

**\*\*Blessing:**

**\*\*Parting Song: VU 481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing v. 1**

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**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.

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