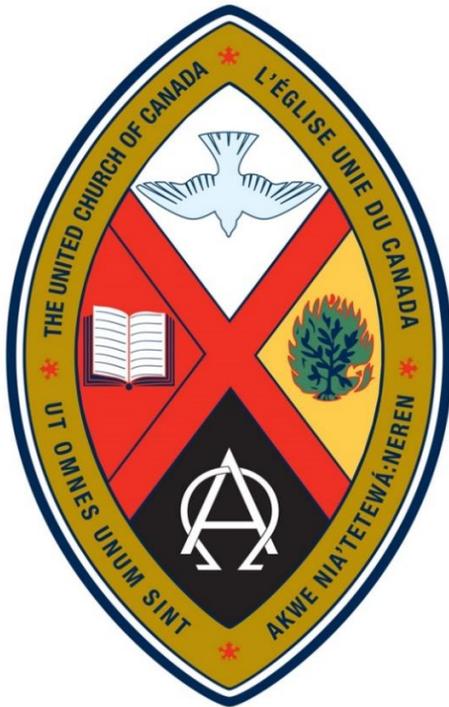


# Knox United Church

United Church of Canada



Drawn In: Living the Creative Life  
with God

Risk

February 3, 2019

# CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

This is a house of prayer for all people.  
You are welcome here.

## GATHER THE SUPPLIES

This is the "Gathering" section of worship. When we begin a creative project, we gather the supplies in order to begin our playful work of creating. God supplied creation with us! We are the supplies that God needs to continue the creative work of building God's realm. In this part of worship we celebrate and affirm our partnership with God and each other in this creative project called "life!"

## PRELUDE

### WELCOME —OUR MINISTRY - LIGHTING OF CANDLES

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Silence is observed*

## OPENING TO THE SPIRIT

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Let your love be a given

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To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem

For the sake of the livin'

**Let us be drawn in**

Introduction to theme for the day: "Risk"

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"VU" refers to the red hymnbook. "MV" is the coil bound book.

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Prayer

#### AFFIRMING AND CONNECTING

Author Robert Gruden said, "Creativity is dangerous.  
Its pleasure is not the comfort of the safe harbour,  
but the thrill of the reaching sail."

#### SONG OF PRAISE

VU 82

"A Light is Gleaming"

#### LET THERE BE...

This is the "Proclaiming the Word" section of worship. God spoke "let there be..." and creation began. In this part of worship we open to hear the wisdom that the Spirit will use to move our hearts this day. So just "let there be..." an openness and willingness to encounter something unexpected.

"MAKE BELIEF" MOMENT      "Ish"      Peter Reynolds  
Children of all ages are invited to gather on the chancel steps

We "make our belief" that God is  
playing and creating through people in all  
places and God plays and creates with us  
too! Let all God's children say  
"Thanks be to God!"  
**Children: Thanks be to God!**

OUR SACRED STORY Matthew 25:24-30

RESPONSE "Will You Come and Follow Me"

VU 567

AN IMAGINATIVE WORD

"Invocation" by Cynthia Winton-Henry

ANTHEM

"Brave"

Bareilles/Antonoff

REFLECTION

"Risking It All"

Craig S. Miller

## GETTING OUR HANDS DIRTY

This is the "Response" section of worship. Once we have heard the call to creativity, we just have to do it... just jump in to get our "hands dirty" in the work of play and creative problem-solving. We pray and offer what we can to bring more life and joy this day and everyday.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Guided meditation

Let the people pray:

**Make it so, make it so!**

**We pray for the day, make it so.**

**We dream of a world where Love reigns among us  
and your will is done, O God, make it so.**

You are invited to bring forward a piece  
of paper with your message of encouragement  
written in a word or phrase  
and your offering

## OFFERING OF THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

**This is my creative spirit in the world, this is my offering.**

May you see the things you do,  
no matter how small or mundane,  
as the way that you contribute goodness to the world,  
creating more life, more joy, more love.

**Praise be to God, the Creator of all that is!**

## LIFTING THE SPIRIT

This is the "Going Forth" section of worship. We take the affirmation and inspiration we have experienced here and we vow to make imagination live through our intention for this week. What do you intend to do to flex your creative muscle, lifting the spirit in your life and the lives of those around you?

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY

MV 138

"My Love Colours Outside the Lines"

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Resources:

Liturgy: "Drawn In - Living OUT the Creative Life with God" ©

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## Spirit Kids' Club

Classes for children and youth take place during worship on Sunday mornings. Groups focus on storytelling, spirituality, friendship, fun and service.

Wigglin' Worship Room - Infants/Toddlers through Age 4 -

Teachers: Mel Doyle, various parent/teen volunteers.

Junior - K-Grade 2 - Basement, Teachers: Leanne Sprung, Madelyn Robinson, Deirdre Taylor-John

Intermediate - Grades 3-5 - Club Room, Teachers: Jill Hannah Kayes and Judy Olmstead

Youth - Grades 6-12 - Youth Room, Youth Director: Antoinette Gravel-Ouellette

## Affirm United

As the people of Knox United Church we aim to provide a safe, nurturing environment where we accept and welcome all into the life and ministry of the Knox family: persons of any age, colour, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, marital status, social or economic circumstance.

## Acknowledgement of Land - An Act Towards Reconciliation

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. The relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the first peoples and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages



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