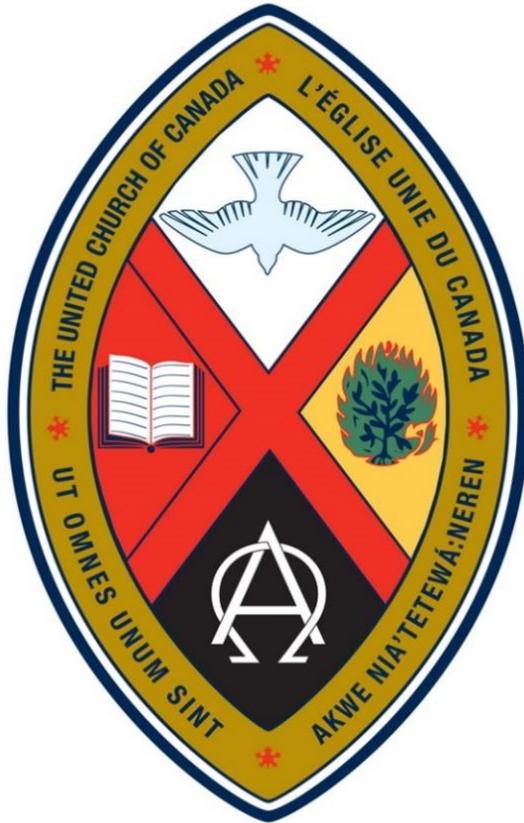


Knox United Church

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**“Earthenware Jars:
Hope for the Future”**

October 6th, 2019

CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

WE GATHER FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

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

WELCOME — OUR MINISTRY — LIGHTING OF CANDLES

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

CENTRING SONG “Know That God is Good”
English – French – Swahili

MV 104

THRESHOLD MOMENT

Introduction to theme of the day:
“Earthenware Jars: Hope for the Future”

From north and south,
from east and west, we come:
**God's people called to the Table
where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across town,
from single households to apartment dwellers:
**God's people are called to community,
where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status;
from little ones with sippy cups to elders with
overflowing hearts:
**God's people are called to witness to God's hope,
to offer bread to a hungry world.**

SONG OF PRAISE “Gather Us In”

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

WE SHARE OUR SACRED STORY

A WORD FOR HUMANITY

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

COME AS A CHILD

“Celebrating Communion Around the World”

*Children of all ages are invited to gather
on the chancel steps*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

VU 962

“May the Blessing of God”

FROM THE POTTER’S HOUSE MONOLOGUE

“Jars for Keeping”

By Rev. Glenna T. Shepherd

Silent Reflection

RESPONSE

“Softening My Way”

Bobby Jo Valentine

REFLECTION

Craig S. Miller

“Jeremiah and the Audacity of Hope”

WE RESPOND TO THE SPIRIT’S CALL

OFFERINGS OF THE COMMUNITY OF JESUS

OFFERTORY

*We welcome your gifts; but if you are here for the first time or just
visiting, we have no expectation that you make an offering,
you are our guests.*

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the Spirit of Christ be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God who is Wisdom and Love.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us join hands to make a vine.

Grounded in the vine that is our source of existence, we give thanks for the gift of life that connects us to all creation.

We are one with Earth and its creatures.

Grounded in the body that is the life of Christ, we give thanks for our brothers and sisters and others who follow the way of Jesus.

We are one with those who share our story.

Grounded in our passion for justice, we give thanks for all who work for the common good.

We are one with all who seek to be community of compassion.

Grounded in the bread we break and the cup we share, we give thanks for what we receive at this table: wholeness and unifying peace, courage to break boundaries and strength to self-give.

We are one with love itself in the path that we follow and the life we are called to lead. AMEN.

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion by Intinction - Those who are able are invited to come forward down the centre aisle to the servers. Those in the front row of each section come first. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and eat. Do not hurry. Return to your seats when you are finished. Those unable to come forward, or who wish to remain in their seats, may raise their hands and our servers will come to your pew. Rice cakes are available at the centre station.

SONGS FOR COMMUNION

“God Bless to Us Our Bread” MV 193

“Eat This Bread” VU 466

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY

VU 468

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

Jesus calls you to be his disciples,
to serve him with love and compassion,
to serve Earth by caring for creation,
and all creatures in danger or need.
Will you care for creation?

We will care for all creatures!

We will nurture our planet!

We will sustain our endangered kin.

May the Spirit of God...

AMEN

“Joy to the World”

**Singin' joy to the world
All the boys and girls
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea
Joy to you and me**

POSTLUDE

Liturgical Resource: Worship Design Studio

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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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