

Knox United Church

United Church of Canada



Thanksgiving
“Bloom Where You Are Planted”

October 13th, 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”

MV 104

English – French – Swahili

THRESHOLD MOMENT

Introduction to theme of the day:

“Bloom Where You Are Planted”

Birds sing. Leaves quake. Thunder claps. Waters gurgle.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Children hum. Elders smile. Teens tune in.

Shower soloists belt out praise.

Worship with gladness;

gather in God's presence with singing.

We rise and we eat. We work and play and rest.

We talk and we listen. All the while, God is with us.

We are God's people; come to life in God.

We worship with silence and joyous song,

with listening and with speaking.

Enter with thanksgiving and praise;

for God is good and steadfast in love forever.

SONG OF PRAISE “Make a Joyful Noise”

VU 820

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

WE SHARE OUR SACRED STORY

A WORD FOR HUMANITY

Psalm 100

“The Dance of Life”

James Taylor

Two guitars and a washtub bass,
a country fiddle, an old-time caller.

Come on, everyone, join the dance.

Do-si-do and allemande left,
swing your partner, bow to your corner.

Clap those hands and stamp those feet.

God calls the square dance of our lives;

God swirls our varied colours like a kaleidoscope.

We dance our complex patterns to God’s grand design.

Step onto God’s dance floor with a song in your

heart and a smile on your face,

for God loves a good time too.

God is in the sweat and in the swinging,

in the sawdust and the singing.

God *is* the dance of life.

Whether you join the dance or sit on the sidelines,

the beat goes on,

and fills the night with music!

Response

“Oh A Song Must Rise”

MV 142

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

COME AS A CHILD

“This is our House”

Hyewon Yum

*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”

REFLECTION “Bloom Where You Are Planted” Craig S. Miller

ANTHEM “Think on These Things” Ruth E. Schram

WE RESPOND TO THE SPIRIT’S CALL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND SERVICE

Helping Communities Thrive in Nepal

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY

VU 227

“For the Fruit of all Creation”

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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