



Lighting of the Candle

Acknowledgement of land:

We acknowledge that we are gathered on ancestral lands, on Treaty One Territory. These lands are the heartland of the Métis people. We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

We acknowledge this as Black History Month and we acknowledge BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) Lives Matter.

Gathering Together in Singing:

MV10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom, v. 1

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
They who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what they teach us,
for their words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

VU400 Lord, Listen

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Welcome and Community News

Singing: MV14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.

French:

Quand deux ou trois sont unis en mon nom,
je serai avec vous.

Japanese:

Fu-ta-li mi-ta-li tsu-doh-to-ko-lo, wa-ta-shi-mo to-mo-ni.

Tagalog:

kung me dalawa o tatlo sa pangalan nya nandoon ako, nandoon ako

Call to Worship:

One: We go with Jesus into the wilderness.

All: We come here and we reflect and pray.

One: We stay with Jesus in the wilderness.

All: We sense the power of temptation, calling us to denial and self-serving isolation.

One: We endure with Jesus in the wilderness,

All: aware of a Supportive Presence showing us a faithful way, a compassionate path.

One: We return with Jesus from the wilderness,

All: ready to be about God's work and worship.

Singing: VU115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert v. 1, 4

Jesus, tempted in the desert,

Lonely, hungry, filled with dread:

"Use your pow'r," the tempter tells him;

"Turn these barren rocks to bread!"

"Not alone by bread," he answers,

"Can the human heart be filled.

Only by the Word that calls us

is our deepest hunger stilled!"

When we face temptation's power,

Lonely, struggling, filled with dread,

Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,

Come and be our living bread.

By your grace, protect, preserve us

Lest we fall, your trust betray.

Yours, above all other voices,

Be the Word we hear, obey.

Opening Prayer

One: Prepare us for our Lenten journey, O God;

All: give us the courage to venture into the challenging places of heart and spirit.

One: Come with us on our Lenten journey, O God;

All: strengthen us that we might learn and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

One: Join us with others on our Lenten journey, O God;

All: in faithful solidarity, we will search out dark forces of oppression and transform them with the light of Christ.

One: Be with us at the end of our Lenten journey, O God;

All: that at the foot of the cross we might look up and understand your wonderful love. Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Children's Time – Black History Month: Many Years in the Wilderness

Lord's Prayer (all languages welcome and spoken)

English

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

Nepali

हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा हुनुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्।
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ,
त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा
सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्, आमेन।



And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.)

Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 9-15 (Nepali and English)

Singing: MV118 Me Alone

Me alone, me alone in-a the wilderness. x2
Forty days and forty nights in-a the wilderness. x2

Reflection: “Practices of the Wilderness”

Offering:

The ministry and mission of Knox continues, even when the building is closed. God’s love and concern for those who are struggling is shared. You make it possible to carry this message to everyone. If you normally give when you are in worship, we encourage you to continue your regular donations through Canada Helps. The link is here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/107576134RR0001-knox-united-church/> All donations made will be forwarded to Knox Winnipeg. Or, if you have envelopes, you could put your offering in an envelope each Sunday and bring them with you when we get back to in person worship. Thank you for your generosity in these times of trouble.

Offertory Prayer

Singing: MV191 What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer.
I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share.

Community Prayer (Based on: Genesis 9: 8-17)

-written by Ted Dodd

Singing: VU431 Sing Amen

(Sing Amen) Amen, we praise your name, O God.
(Sing Amen) Amen, we praise your name, O God.
(Sing Amen) Amen, amen, amen amen,
Amen, we praise your name, O God.

(Asithi) Amen, siyakudumisa.
(Asithi) Amen, siyakudumisa.
(Asithi) Amen, Baba, amen, Baba,
Amen, siyakudumisa.

Blessing

** Prayers from “Prayers to Share” by David Sparks

