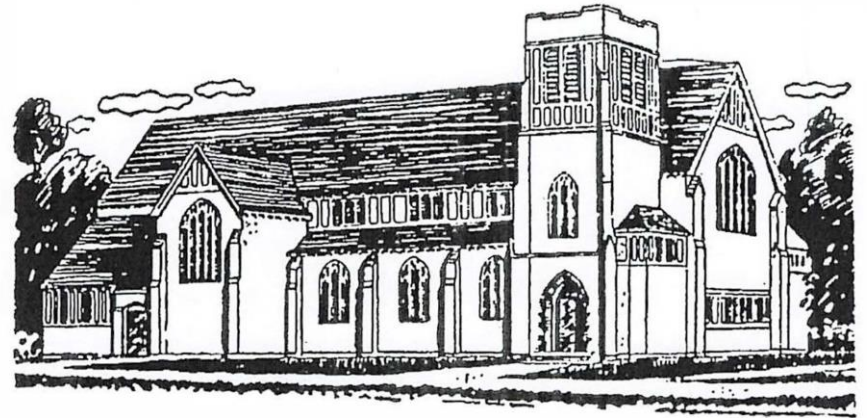


KNOX UNITED CHURCH



Renewal of Baptism
January 7, 2024

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

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January 7, 2024 (10:00 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: Fugue and Fanfare on “Winchester New” David Lasky
(When Jesus Comes to be Baptized)

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Minister: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: **And God saw that it was good.**

Minister: In the beginning, God breathed life into humanity.

People: **And God saw that we were made in the divine image.**

Minister: In the beginning of this new year, God calls us together to worship.

People: **And we come, ready to see the goodness of God in this place.**

All: **Let us worship God, who makes all things new.**

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ** VU 288

Prayer

♪+ **Hymn:** “Shall We Gather at the River” VU 710

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4-11; The Baptism of Jesus

Sermon: Renewed Promises: Baptism as a Lifelong Journey

♪↑ **Communion Hymn:** “Let Us Break Bread Together” VU 480

Dedication of Offering

COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of all. You have brought us from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom. Through Jesus Christ, who for us became the bread of life and the cup of salvation, we remember and celebrate his gift of grace.

Breaking of the Bread

Minister: Christ's body was broken for us.

People: **We are one body in Christ.**

Pouring of the Cup

Minister: Christ's blood was shed for us.

People: **We are cleansed and renewed.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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;**

**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.**

Distribution

Devotional Music: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" David Lasky

Prayer after Communion

Minister: God of grace, thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we have shared this holy meal, strengthen us to live as your people, doing your work in the world.

People: Amen.

The Act of Renewal of Baptismal Faith

"Remember your baptism and be thankful!"

♪↑ **Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" ** VU 642

Commissioning and Benediction

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath" (verse 4) MV 150

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge,
we'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.**

Postlude: Two Variations on "Vom Himmel Hoch"
(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)
Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau, J.G. Walther

** Favourite Hymn Survey request

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Helena Ho, Mary Graham

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January 7, 2024; Baptism of the Lord (Communion)

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Title: "Renewed Promises: Baptism as a Lifelong Journey"

Synopsis: Focusing on the renewal of faith through baptism, we want to explore how each stage of life, including the later years, offers unique opportunities to live out our baptismal promises.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. In what ways has your understanding of baptism evolved over time?
2. How do your baptismal vows influence your decisions and actions in everyday life?
3. Discuss, in a small group, the importance of remembering and reaffirming our baptismal promises. How can this practice strengthen our church (family, friendship)?



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Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness."

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for this land and look forward to relating with them as covenant people
of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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