

Knox United Church

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Ordinary Time  
October 23, 2022**

Jesus comes to show us how to be human much more than how to be spiritual, and the process still seems to be in its early stages.

--Richard Rohr

**BECOMING PRESENT**

**Prelude:** "Down Ampney" (Come Down, O Love Divine),  
Charles Callahan

**Welcome**

**Candle Lighting**

**Introit:** "Open Our Hearts" MV 21  
Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you, O loving God. (*repeat*)  
Open our hearts. (*last time*)

**Invitation to Worship** (One/All)

We gather as people of faith, created by Love, set free by the Spirit.

**We come to praise and to pray, to seek holy wisdom, and to  
commit ourselves to Christ's mission in the world.**

**Gathering Prayer** (All)

Holy One, you see us as we are, in all our frailty and failure, yet you love us still, with love beyond our wildest imagining. When the glitz and glamour of the world beckon, when its anxieties press upon us, call us to new faithfulness to the way of Christ, that we may live your love, embody your justice, enact your mercy, and proclaim your truth. Amen.

**Hymn:** "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" VU 578

**ATTENDING TO THE SPIRIT**

*Whether you take what is written in the Bible as fact,  
metaphor, myth, or story—listen to these words  
for the meaning they hold for you today.*

**A Reading from the Gospels:** Luke 18: 9-14

**Duet:** "Give to my eyes, Lord" Colin Coppen, Ronald Corp

**Reflecting on the Reading**

**Meditative Music:** "Verset XIII", Allegretto Moderato,  
Leon Boëllmann

**WIDENING THE CIRCLE**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern:**

The Rev. Sharon Copeman

**Disciples' Prayer** (Sung by all): VU 960

**Offering Our Gifts**

Offering Hymn: "Grateful" MV 182 (*verse 2 and chorus*)

Offering Prayer (All):

**Giver of life and source of love, you provide for our needs and the needs of all creation. From the overflowing abundance of your gifts, we bring our gifts to you. May this money do your work of justice, may our hands serve your cause of peace and reconciliation, and may our lives be a gift to the world. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Go to the World" VU 420 (*verses 2, 3, and 4*)

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Benediction Response:** “Sing Amen” VU 431

(Asithi:) **Amen, siyakudumisa.**

(Asithi:) **Amen, siyakudumisa.**

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

(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.**

**Postlude:** “Prelude in C”, Johann Krebs

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**Worship Leaders:**

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Janice Guthrie

Scripture Reader: Mary-Ellen Flynn

Prayers: The Rev. Sharon Copeman

Duet: Kimberly Cheong, Lana Whyte

Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Ministry of Music: Knox Church Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Catherine Shen, Ed Williams

Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong

Power Point Preparation: Anne MacKenna

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Land Acknowledgment:

We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the  
x\_wm\_əθk\_wəy\_əm\_(Musqueam), S\_kw\_x\_wú7mesh (Squamish), and  
Sel'il\_witulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared 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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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.