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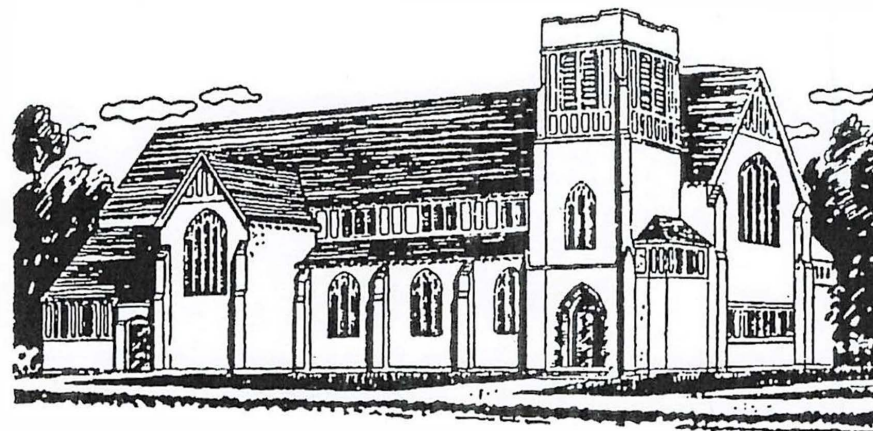
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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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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KNOX UNITED CHURCH

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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♫↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♫+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: “Magnificat Quinte Toni”

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship:

God calls us to new places and new ways.

We trust in God’s guidance and love.

Even when the path is uncertain, God’s Spirit sustains us.

We walk forward in faith, knowing God is with us.

Let us worship the One who makes all things new!

With hearts open to God’s call, we worship in joy and hope.

♫↑ **Hymn:** “I Danced in the Morning”

VU 352

Prayer (together)

God of new beginnings, we come to You with open hearts and uncertain steps. When familiar paths close, give us courage to follow where You lead. In this time of worship, remind us of Your faithfulness and renew our trust in Your guiding hand. Amen.

♫+ **Hymn:** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

VU 375

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus rejected at Nazareth

Duet: “Ave Verum Corpus”

Mozart; Arr.: Russell Robinson

Sermon: When Familiar Paths Close

Communion Hymn: “I Come with Joy”

VU 477

Dedication of Offering (together)

God of all seasons, we dedicate these gifts to Your purposes. Use them to open new doors of opportunity and bring hope to those in need. Amen.

Communion

Minister: This is Christ’s table, where all are welcome. Here, we remember the One who faced rejection yet remained faithful to His mission. Come with your doubts and fears, your hopes and joys, for Christ meets us here with grace and strength.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: God of all seasons, You have guided Your people through every time of trial and joy. When paths have closed, You have opened new ways. In Jesus, You revealed the depth of Your love, showing us how to trust in Your call.

People: We thank You, O God, for Your faithfulness and grace.

Minister: And so, with the faithful of every time and place, we lift our voices in unending praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

Minister: On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, “This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

He took the cup, saying, “This is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do so in remembrance of me.”

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Christ’s death and resurrection until He comes again.

Prayer of Consecration

Minister: Faithful God, pour out Your Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and cup. As we share this meal, strengthen us to trust in Your call, even when the way ahead is uncertain. Unite us in Your love and send us out to be Your people in the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People♪+ **Lord’s Prayer (said together)**

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Minister: The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The body of Christ broken for you. The cup we bless is a sharing in the blood of Christ. The blood of Christ shed for you.
 Come, for all is ready.

Reflective Music: “Offertorium”

Gordon Young

Prayer after the Communion (together)

God of new beginnings, we thank You for this meal that nourishes us in times of change. As we go forward, remind us of Your faithfulness and guide us to trust in Your call. May Your love flow through us into the world. Amen.

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

VU 633

Commissioning and Benediction

Walk in the Light, beautiful Light;
 Come where the dew-drops
 of mercy shine bright.
 Shine all around us by day
 and by night, Jesus,
 the Light of the World. (*repeat*)

Postlude: “Batalha do sexto tom”

Pedro De Araujo

February 2nd, 2025 (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany) Communion

Title: When Familiar Paths Close

Text: Luke 4:21-30

Synopsis: Jesus faces rejection in His hometown, yet He continues forward with His mission. This story teaches us to trust God’s call, even when familiar paths are no longer an option, and to remain faithful to the journey ahead.

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