

KNOX UNITED CHURCH
September 16th, 2018
Season of Creation 2 - "Humanity"

**Sharing the Gospel of Jesus with all
people through worship, service and care.**

As we gather for worship today, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral land of several Indigenous nations, and part of the homeland of the Metis. We respect the sacredness of our shared home and the ground on which we walk, and we are grateful for its stewardship through the centuries.

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SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 7) (sing 2X)

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.



Word and music: David Hann, 2006

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

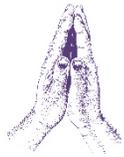
HYMN - *Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love* (VU 574)

LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES

GREETING GOD'S FAMILY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY CONVERSATION



We are called into change and newness as people of faith, people of Jesus' way. In our mind we can accept this as right and good, but in our heart we resist and struggle with deep-seated fear of change and what it might bring. Still, we yearn for a new beginning that can bring renewed joy in life. We seek wholeness that will build up our living and revive our sagging spirits.

In a moment of truth-filled clarity, may we see our way toward wellness and wholeness within ourselves and among those who share our journey. May we create pathways of grace, and build openness and welcome for every life. In doing and in being, may our lives reflect the abundant, refreshing Spirit of God, and share ever more closely the generous love of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN - O Beautiful Gaia (MV 41)

HYMN - *When I Needed A Neighbour* (VU 600)

COMMISSIONING (MV 213)

Take up his song of love,
and go into the world.

Take up his song of love in every moment.

In every moment of our journey,
we're laying down our lives.

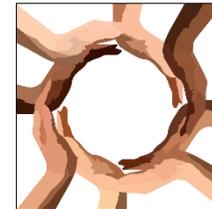
Lay them down in love,

Lay them down, and take up his song.

words and music: Laura A. Herman, 2005, arr.: Robin King, 2006



POSTLUDE



WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES**Hebrew Scriptures** **Genesis 1:26-28**

A story of humankind's creation

Psalm **8 (VU 732)**

Praise to the Creator

Gospel **Mark 10:35-37, 41-45**

The Son of Man is to serve, not be served

ANTHEM ***Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service***

Arr. By Daniel Kallman, Selected by Bradley Ellingboe

Lord whose love in humble service
 bore the weight of human need,
 When upon the cross, forsaken,
 worked your mercy's perfect deed:
 We your servants, bring the worship
 not of voice alone, but heart
 Consecrating to your purpose
 ev'ry gift which you impart.



Still your children wander homeless;
 still the hungry cry for bread.
 Still the captives long for freedom;
 still in grief we mourn our dead.
 As you, Lord, in deep compassion
 healed the sick and freed the soul

By your Spirit send your power
 to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
 till your love's revealing light
 In its height and depth and greatness
 dawns upon our quickened sight,
 Making known the needs and burdens
 your compassion bids us bear,
 Stirring us to tireless striving,
 your abundant life to share.

REFLECTION**HYMN - *Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands***
(MV 173)**MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING****MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER** (MV 176 vs. 4, sing 1X)

Enlivened as the Spirit moves
 to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
 I pray that justice, peace and truth,
 may seed and grow in all I do.

words: Brian Wren 1997, music: Daniel Charles Damon 1999

COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER