

KNOX UNITED CHURCH
September 23rd, 2018
Season of Creation 3 - "Sky"

**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 - We Praise You For the Sun (VU 225)

LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES

GIFT OF MUSIC *As the Deer*

Words and Music by Martin Nystrom, Arr. by Lloyd Larson

Susan Maitland & Doug McCosh



BAPTISM

Kohl Townsend

son of Chelsey and Kyle Townsend



GREETING GOD'S FAMILY



Children and youth may join Sunday
School in the lower church hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY CONVERSATION



To God of mountain and valley, lake and stream, earth and sky, we open our eyes in joy and our lips in praise. We see the endless wonders of creation, and find it easy to think we are less than we are - that our deeds are small and our lives insignificant. Yet we know that our own actions, added to the actions of others, can change the world in ways great and small.

COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - *Like a Rock* (MV 92)

CHOIR BENEDICTION

Parting Prayer

O God, take us from this place into your care.
Give us the faith to take us through the night.
Give us the strength to face each passing day.
Give us the courage to stand for what is right.
Give us a love for all along the way.
Give us the light to show us paths to take.
These things we ask for thy name's sake.
Amen, amen.

Words and music by Louis Harris

POSTLUDE



May we remind ourselves of how we can build wonder upon wonder in the midst of God's creation, and also remember our ways that break down and destroy God's own vision. May our hearts and lives turn to pathways that honour our place in the web of God's abundance, and bring grace and vision to the choices we make for the planet. Following Jesus, living in the Spirit, may we reflect creation's majesty, and live more deeply as people of God's ever-creating way.

Amen.

HYMN - *O Beautiful Gaia* (MV 41)

WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES



Hebrew Scriptures Jeremiah 4:23-28

The desolation of all creation

Psalm Psalm 19 (VU pg. 740)
(first two sections)

The glory of God in the sky

ANTHEM *Blue Green Hills of Earth*

Music by Kim Oler, Arr. by Carl Stommen

For the earth forever turning,
for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
to our Lord we sing returning
home to our blue-green hills of earth.

For the mountains, hills, and pastures
in this silent majesty;
for all life, for all of nature
sing we our joyful praise to thee.

For the sun, for rain and thunder,
for the season's harmony,
for the stars, for all the heavens
sing we our joyful praise to thee.



REFLECTION

HYMN - *Called by Earth and Sky* (MV 135)

MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING

MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER (MV 176, verse 4)

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.