Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
til we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY OFFERING - If you are able, we invite you to support our faith community via your PAR givings arranged through the office, by dropping off your offering envelope in the secured mailbox outside the front doors of the church at **345 Pym Street**, through **e-transfers** via the Treasurer's email address or through the **"Donate"** tab on our website.

STAFF HOURS - Currently the church office is closed, and the minister, office administrator, and facility coordinator are working remotely. Please feel free to contact them by email, phone, or zoom Monday through Thursday and the minister for pastoral emergencies beyond these hours. We hope that Omicron will pass as quickly as it did in other countries and that we will be open for in-person gatherings as soon as Council feels it is safe to do so based on Provincial and Regional recommendations.

ZOOM COFFEE INFO:
Meeting ID 812 7823 4982, Passcode 261349,
Link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81278234982?pwd=WG1NVTJyMngxa3ppKzgyV0hBeTJ3QT09

PRE-RECORDED WORSHIP 10:00 am
ZOOM COFFEE 11:30 am

KNOX UNITED CHURCH
January 23, 2022

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Our Core Values are:

Compassion, Inclusion, Joy, and Spirituality

Our Mission:

Guided by the creative Spirit of God, we are called to build community that cares, shares, and dares.

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Vincent Huynh, *Recording*

Rev. Dr M. Bruce McIntyre, *Minister Emeritus*
Kris Epps, *Music Director*
Leslie Hawley, *Visual Arts*
John Thompson & Caroline Hammill, *Readers & Singers*

Welcome to Worship at Knox! We extend a very warm welcome to all who are a part of our community of faith and are joining us via this pre-recording, those who are visiting, and those seeking a new church home. May you receive what you need today and sense the presence of the Spirit of God moving among us. Our thanks to all those who are participating in today's service.

REGIONAL PRAYERS – Rev Gayle Chouinard and the ministry of Texada Island United Church

SOUL GROWTH: Letting Go

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY TIME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PEOPLE AND LANDS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***HYMN: Come Let Us Sing** **222VU**

Come let us sing to the Lord our song,
We have stood silently too long,
Surely the Lord deserves our praise,
So joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well,
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
Strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
And walk with each other following your way;
Our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
To the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
Let your praises endlessly flow.

CENTERING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: John 20:11-18, Ephesians 4:30-32, Isaiah 43:18-19, AND CONTEMPORARY READINGS

REFLECTION

***HYMN: Circle Game w/m Joni Mitchell**

Yesterday a child came out to wander
Caught a dragonfly inside a jar
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder
And tearful at the falling of a star

REFRAIN:
And the seasons, they go round and round
and the painted ponies go up and down.
We're captive on the carousel of time.
We can't return, we can only look
behind, from where we came
and go round and round and round, in the circle game

Then the child moved ten times round the seasons
Skated over ten clear frozen streams
Words like, "When you're older" must appease him
And promises of someday make his dreams
REFRAIN:

16 springs and 16 summers gone now
Cartwheels turn to car wheels through the town
And they tell him, "Take your time, it won't be long now
'Til you drag your feet to slow the circles down"
REFRAIN:

So the years spin by and now the boy is 60
Though his dreams have lost some grandeur coming true
There'll be new dreams, maybe better dreams and plenty
Before the last revolving year is through
REFRAIN:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The singing bowls invites us into prayer…

SUNG RESPONSE: 115MV

Behold, behold, I make all things new
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you, for I am Christ the way.

LORD'S PRAYER (sung) 959VU

COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

***HYMN: Faith Begins By Letting Go w/m Carl P. Daw**

Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure;
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on,
Keeping mem'ry's roots alive
So that hope may bear its fruit;
Promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.

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