

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STRATFORD

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023

We continue to be mask friendly: it is a personal decision. Thank you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Let us rejoice in the Lord, as people of God!

God loves righteousness and justice;

People: Let us do our best to serve God faithfully.

Leader: The earth is full of God's steady loving.

People: We come to worship with glad hearts, to offer our love and loyalty.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (Together):

You, O God, are overflowing with love,
infinite in kindness, incomparable in glory.

You are the source of all good things.

In You, all things work together for good.

Your Presence breaks into our lives in many ways
and You touch us with wonder.

In this time of worship, we offer you thanks with our prayers, praise from our hearts,
and honor with our lives. Amen

HYMN:#194 Come, let us to the Lord our God Verses 1,2,3, & 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together):

God of all our journeys,

You lead us day by day.

Sometimes the going is smooth and we follow gladly.

But sometimes the going gets tough.

We face obstacles and choices.

We're unsure which way to turn.

Forgive us when we hesitate,

and give us the courage to take a step into Your Future. Amen

Assurance of Pardon (Minister): God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

Congregation: And also, with you

* Please turn and greet one another

ANTHEM

STORY: Fate and the two-headed coin approach to life

HYMN: #374 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 7:1-5 (Page 685 in the Pew bible)

Hebrews 12: 2-13 (Page 852 in the Pew bible)

SERMON: "Your Happiness and Uncertainty!"
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OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY #306 - Offering brought forward.

Your offering can be left on the plates upon entering the service.

**Thank you for your gifts and prayers
for the mission and outreach of Knox Stratford.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together): **God of healing and hope, you offer us what we need, not always what we want. Bless our gifts and use them to meet needs in lives touched by the outreach of our church. Give each of us courage to reach out in Jesus' name, whenever compassion is needed. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

HYMN: #726 May the God of hope go with us everyday

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**** Join us for refreshments following the service ****

Search Committee Update: We continue to offer prayers in the process of searching for a full time minister.

INTERIM MINISTRY: Rev. Dr. David Thompson began his Interim Ministry for our congregation on June 1. He is connecting with our membership roll and available for Pastoral Care visits and phone calls. He will be in Stratford most weeks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

The next **Sacrament of Communion** will take place
on **Sunday, June 25** at the 10:30am service.

OUTREACH AT KNOX

Our Outreach focus for June will be the local Connection Centre. While we think that the winter months are hardest for the homeless the summer brings special needs. We will be collecting the following to help with their summer needs.

- Insect Repellant and Sunscreen
- Reusable bags
- Shorts for men and women -Size medium

(These do not need to be new but in good clean condition.)



We are invited to a monthly worship service at Camp Kintail called Kirk in the Cedars. Worship is at 4PM; dinner at 5:30pm by donation to follow. **The Knox congregation is planning on attending on June 18.**

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