

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STRATFORD

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25th, 2023

Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Music Director: Suzanne Strahan **Treasurer:** Shannon Archer

142 Ontario Street, Stratford, Ontario. N5A 3H2

519-271-0373 knoxs@wightman.ca

CCLI #2405391

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service Order for Holy Communion

(We begin with the Apostles Creed in unison. Please stand if able)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Catholic* church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen. *(universal)

This is the Good News which we have received, in which we stand; that for the love of humanity, Christ died for our sins on a cross, sentenced unjustly to death as an innocent man; that He was buried, but on the third day God raised Him from the dead, that He then appeared to Mary, Peter, and to the disciples, as well as many faithful witnesses.

We believe that with His resurrection God has made Jesus the long-promised Messiah, the second Adam, the first and the last, the beginning and the end and the Lord of all creation.

HYMN: #565 Come my way, my truth, my life.

(Suzanne will introduce the hymn - playing all the way through first.)

Confession of Sins: (please be seated)

Almighty and most merciful Father;

We have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy Holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not have done; but Thou, O Lord, have mercy on us, unhappy as we are.

Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore Thou those who are penitent;

According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake;

That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon (Minister): In Christ, we are a new creation; the old life is gone and the new life has come!

Trust that God loves you and forgives you. Begin boldly to make a new start!

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:“A little child shall lead them” (‘Peace’ by William Strut)

HYMN: #738 God the Omnipotent verses 1, 3 and 4.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 6:8

Acts 10: 34-36

Luke 4:16-30

SERMON: “The God of us all”

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 grace and goodness, Your world is full of gifts that sustain our lives. We offer our gifts in gratitude. Bless them and make them signs of Your presence at work in the world, touching lives in need with Your love and strength in Jesus’ name. Amen**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Servers come forward

Distribution of the elements: Those who wish to receive communion should come forward to the front to receive the bread and juice. A server can also bring the elements to your seat. After all have received, the minister serves the servers. After the servers have received, the Clerk of the Session serves the minister

Prayer (together): Our Loving God we thank You that once again we have been able to celebrate the Lord's death until He comes again. Fill us with His Spirit and inspire us all to do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with You, the God of us all. Amen.

HYMN: #338 Let all things now living

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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