

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Music Director: Suzanne Strahan

* We continue to be mask friendly, but it is now a personal decision. Thank you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Responsive Call to Worship

God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

God offers compassion to all creation.

With all God's creation, give thanks to the Lord.

With all God's creatures, great and small, we will bless the Lord.

In worship let us speak of God's glory and tell of God's wonder.

We come to praise God and seek God's Hope and peace.

PRAYER OF APPROACH *(together)*

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

There is no other like You in all our imagining.

Your presence breaks into our lives in the beauty of summer and refreshes us like a gentle breeze breath on a still day.

You renew us to meet life's changes and challenges.

In this time of worship, we offer thanks in our prayers, praise from our hearts,
and honor with our lives, to you, our Creator, Our Hope, and Sustainer, now and always.

Amen.

Hymn : 103 O Lord, thou art my God and King (Psalm 145)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(together)*

Wise and patient God, You offer us hope, yet we confess life often feels frustrating and unsettled.

You offer us courage, yet we are resentful when life is challenging.

You offer us a mission with meaning and purpose, but we are preoccupied with our own plans and desires.

Forgive us, O God, and draw our attention back to you.

Amen

Assurance of Pardon (Minister)

Jesus said, Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Trust that peace, forgiveness and hope are God's gifts to you this day. Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

Congregation: And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

STORY

HYMN: # 462 All my hope on God is founded.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 15:1-13

St. Luke 1:8-22

SERMON: Hope that can face anything

OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY #830 Praise God...(Offering brought forward)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ((together)

Gracious God, receive our gifts as tokens of our gratitude for your goodness to us. Bless them so that they become seeds of generosity, bringing needed gifts to others in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let there be peace on earth: Lyrics below

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God, our creator,
We are family.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me,
Let his be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Prayer:

God ever creating,

God ever loving,

God ever leading:

We turn to you in uncertain times, trusting in your steadfast love.

Where people are anxious about the future,

where people are overwhelmed by their responsibilities,

where people fear conflict or violence in daily life,

Bring peace and hope, we pray,

And let your kingdom come.

We say the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #671 I heard the voice of Jesus say verses 1 and 3.

Benediction

POSTLUDE

** The offering can be placed in the offering plates at the back of the church in the narthex prior to it being brought forward.