

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Music Director: Suzanne Strahan

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Responsive Call to Worship:

Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

We will sing praises for all that God has done.

Let your hearts be joyful!

We will seek God's presence continually.

Call to mind God's wonderful works.

We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!

PRAYER OF APPROACH *(together)*

Eternal God,

In Your depth, we find mystery.

In Your breadth, we know Your tender embrace.

We can only wonder at Your love for us,

so small a part of Your whole creation are we.

In Jesus the Christ, we meet Your generous grace.

In the Holy Spirit, You move with us to inspire our action

and fill us with hope.

As our Creator, our thoughts cannot exhaust Your wisdom,

nor can our hearts fathom Your mercy. Amen

Hymn #510 Deep in the shadows of the past Verses 1 and 2.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(together)*

Holy, Mysterious, Eternal and Ever-loving God,

In You we live and move and have our being.

You are the beginning and end of all things.

we confess we do not live out Your love and mercy.

We cling to old hurts and familiar habits.

We nurse anger and envy.

We are often so self-absorbed that we turn our backs on those in need.

Forgive what we have been, amend who we are,

and guide us toward who we may become

according to your generous grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Minister)

God looks after us all. God gives forgiveness to all who seek to amend their ways and follow the Truth that sets us all free. Thank-You God, that we can be free from lies that bind us up in tangles. Renew our consciences and thoughts through Your great forgiveness and love. Give us the peace of the just and the joy of the forgiven. Thank-you God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

Congregation: And also with you. (Please turn and greet one another)

MUSIC

STORY: Bob Verdun

HYMN: #314 God is Love Verses 1 and 3.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 3: 1-13

Hebrews 12:22-29

Ephesians 4: 5 and 6

SERMON: “Our common quest”

DOXOLOGY #830 Praise God (Offering brought forward)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together)

O God, we offer these gifts to You in hope and thanksgiving. Use them to transform the world You love with the mercy and compassion that we celebrate in Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH – sung

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

O God in whom we live and move and have our being,
We come to You in prayer as the summer season draws nearer to its close.
We give You thanks for the occasions we have enjoyed this summer.
savouring the beauty of Your creation right outside our doors,
catching up with family and friends,
and enjoying times for recreation & restoration.
We recognize how blessed we are to live in Canada
with many opportunities to find rest and relaxation in the summer.
Thank You for every good thing that has refreshed us.
Yet we remember those for whom this summer has been difficult:
Those whose homes and communities have been ravaged by fire, storm or flood
this year;
Those who go hungry or face violence in forgotten corners of our own community
and around the world;
Those whose face economic struggles at home or at work,
those whose crops have withered in heat or drought; (*Silence for 10 seconds*)
May each one find courage to face tomorrow in Your company. Amen.

Hymn #722 Lord, Whose love Verses 3 and 4.

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

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**KNOX CHURCH CHOIR- practices begin Wednesday, September 6 at
7pm in the sanctuary. New members welcome!**