

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Sunday and Thanksgiving Sunday

October 8, 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.

\*\* 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 the LORD, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures for ever.

God crowns the year with bounty;

Pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.

Valleys deck themselves with grain, and sing together for joy.

So let us all praise God for all God's goodness to us.

**PRAYER OF APPROACH** (*together*)

God of abundant love,

when we hunger for fulfillment, You offer us the Bread of Life.

When we thirst for your presence, You fill our cup to overflowing.

You draw near to us in every place, at any time.

Holy One, in You our deepest desires are fulfilled.

So to You, O God, Creator, Christ and Spirit,

we offer thanksgiving, honour and praise with all Your people,

here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

**Hymn # 807 We plough the fields and scatter** V:1 and 3.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *(together)*

God of abundant mercy,

You see our failures to keep Your law of love.

We have not always loved our neighbours as You taught.

We find it hard to impossible to love our enemies as Jesus asked.

Forgive us all the times we failed to live out Your love.

Renew in us the courage to offer others

the generosity of heart you have shown us in Jesus. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon (Minister)**

Friends, believe the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life is fading, the new life has started to emerge – in us. Know that you are forgiven, and so have the courage to forgive 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: The Fusee clock**

**HYMN: #802 For the fruits of all Creation V: 1 and 2.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Gospel Luke 13:10-17**

**St Luke 17:7-19**

**Epistle Ephesians 6: 10-17**

**Anthem**

**SERMON: Cultivating positive energy**

**OFFERTORY:**

**DOXOLOGY #830 Praise God...(Offering brought forward)**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION ((together)**

Gracious God, we offer our gifts as tokens of our gratitude for what we have to share in these challenging times. Bless our gifts and our energy so they will bless others in need in our community and around your world, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH**

### **PRAYER of Intercession (Minister and Congregation)**

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for all things that make life good,

and pray that all people will share in the blessings we know.

For the world,

for the wonders of earth, sea and sky;

for beauty in nature and wildlife;

and for the rhythm of the days and seasons;

Congregation: For waters that refresh and sustain life;

for soil that is fertile and rich;

for those who tend crops and care for harvests;

for those who produce, deliver and market our food;

and for those who make sure the hungry are fed;

All: We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings. Amen.

## **Hymn # 457 Now thank we all our God**

### **Benediction**

### **POSTLUDE:**