

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
18th Sunday after Pentecost**

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

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

Service Order for World Communion

Call to Worship

The banqueting table is prepared and God calls us to the feast.

We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.

Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

We sing #540 – One bread, one body Verse 1

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Steadfast God,

as the seasons change, we see that You are still at work in the world,
transforming hearts and situations.

You have shown us the true face of power in Jesus Christ,
reaching out with healing and hope to touch desperate lives.

We praise You for Your love that works for reconciliation among neighbours and nations in this divided world.
May we see the face of Jesus as we break bread at his table.
Renew our hope by the gift of Your Spirit at work among us, so that we can live to praise you with the whole Church that bears Jesus' name. Amen.

Confession of sins: (Minister)

All-embracing God,

we confess we don't like to feel uncomfortable.

We often turn away from suffering or injustice, even when the evidence is right before our eyes.

We don't like to feel responsible for reaching out, even when we could.

Forgive us, O God.

Give us courage to love others as You love us, and respond with the same mind we meet in Christ Jesus.

All:

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)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by God's renewing grace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you
Congregation: And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

HYMN:#480 In Christ there is no East or West (Tune Crimmond V; 1,2 and 3.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS` 1Kings 8:41-45

Acts 10: 24-35 (Cornelius, a Roman is accepted by Peter for his faith in the One God. God has no favourites)

Mark 11: 15-19

SERMON: The Highest Loves

OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY (Offering brought forward)

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

Invitation to the Table

This table is set for all;
around it there are no divisions.

Just as bread is not made from one grain, but from many,
and wine is not made from one grape, but from a full harvest,
so too, we are made one in Christ.

This is a sacrament of unity. .Come and join with neighbours East and West, North and South, to celebrate Christ's presence with us all.

Words of Institution

Among his friends, on the night he was betrayed,

He took bread, broke it and said,

“Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper, He took a cup and offered it to his friends, saying:

“This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood,
for the forgiveness of sins. Drink from it, all of you.”

Every time we eat this bread and share this cup in Jesus' name,
we recall the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The elders come forward

Distribution of the elements: Those who wish to receive communion should come forward to the front to receive the bread and wine.

After all have received, the elders are served by the minister

After the elders have received, the Clerk of the Session serves the minister

Prayer: 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 # 775 Sent forth by Your Blessing verses 1 and 2.

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.**