

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 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:

Let us sing to the LORD a new song.

We will bless God's name each day.

Let us declare God's Good News among all peoples;

For God is great and kind and compassionate to all.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*together*)

Holy God,

Your mysterious presence stretches to the furthest reaches of the universe,
yet You draw near to us in the gift of Jesus.

In Him, You walk beside us,

guiding us with wisdom, loving us with boundless grace.

We praise You that Your love embraces the whole creation,

yet You find a place and a purpose for us mortals.

Your Spirit gives us the energy and insight we need to serve You.

Your service is perfect freedom.

In our worship we offer you our love and loyalty, now and always. Amen.

Hymn # 313 O worship the King v:1,3 and 5.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(together)*

Patient God,

we confess we need Your mercy.

We claim to be Your people, but we forget to love as You do.

We claim to seek your guidance, but we follow our own ways.

Forgive us, O God,

Amend who we are and direct who You would have us be

for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Friend.

Assurance of Pardon (Minister)

Friends, God knows us and still God loves us. This is good news!

By God's grace, we are forgiven, loved and set free to start again. Thanks be to God!

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:

HYMN: #626 Lord of all Power V; 1,2,3.

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament 1 Kings 17: 2-16

Epistle James 2: 1-9

Gospel: St. Luke 18: 18-23

SERMON: "Do the hard loving thing"

OFFERTORY:

DOXOLOGY #306 Praise God...(Offering brought forward)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ((together)

God of abundance, we bring what we have to share, a portion of your goodness to us. Bless our gifts and our lives, so that generosity and justice will join hands, and your goodness touches those in need. Help us to do the hard loving thing and move your gifts to us, to others. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH (We sing this prayer especially for Israel, The Middle East and The Ukraine)

PRAYER of Intercession (Minister and Congregation)

Leader: Dear God: We come before You asking for Your healing for the world. We are enmired in conflict in the Middle east, in the Ukraine and in various countries in Africa. We need your Grace and compassion to shine out and lighten these very dark places where suffering and danger rule. Help Your servants who are peacemakers to prevail and introduce a new world order of cooperation instead of conflict, compassion instead of hate and peace instead of war. Hear our prayer.

Congregation: Dear God we care about people here in Knox. We care to make a difference wherever we can. We know the task is beyond us, nevertheless with your Divine help we can change the world for the better. Help us to be loving compassionate presences where we touch the world. Strengthen our families, our church and give us vision we pray. Amen.

Hymn # 661 We give thee but thine own. V: 1, 3, 4.

Benediction

POSTLUDE: