

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

Legacy Giving Sunday

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 praise the God of Truth!

We seek God's truth.

Let us praise the God of Peace!

We seek God's peace.

Let us praise the God of Love!

In Christ we know God's love and so we offer our praise!

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*together*)

Transforming God,

You take the night and give us day.

You take our strife and give us peace.

You take our sadness and give us joy.

You take our fear and give us courage.

You take death and give us new life.

O God, You give so much.

we have come to praise You

and to offer our love and loyalty as Your willing servants

in the name of Christ who enriches our lives with grace

and in the power of the Spirit who prays within us

especially when we cannot find the right words to honour you,
Our most kind and generous God. Amen.

Hymn # 784 They Kingdom come V: 1, 2 and 4.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(together)*

Trusting God,

You placed Your mission in our hands

and gave us gifts to accomplish amazing things .

We confess sometimes we've taken credit for what Your love has done.

Sometimes we've called our own desires Your will.

Sometimes we've stepped back and let others carry responsibilities.

Forgive us when we've failed to honour Your trust in us.

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. When we turn away from our own darkness we discover that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and have a new start by God's generous grace.

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: #663 God whose giving knows no ending

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-19

Jeremiah 29:11-13
Acts 6:1-7

SERMON: Surfing change waves

OFFERTORY:

#830 Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ((together))

Faithful God, we offer humble thanks today for Your generosity to us through the Church that bears Christ's name. Receive our gifts as tokens of our love and loyalty. Use them to sustain the mission of the Church in ways we cannot yet imagine, in a future that You are creating through Christ, our Saviour and Lord. 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, please pray it as you sing)

PRAYER of Intercession (Minister and Congregation together)

God of all life and each life,

We thank You that You are with us every day,

in each challenge and opportunity.

In our weakness, You are strength.

In our confusion, You light the path ahead.

In our questions, You offer wisdom for our choices.

Stay with us in these days when so much seems uncertain,

and help us to serve You faithfully, when and as we are able.

God of the nations,

we worry for the world filled with conflict and division,

when the earth itself is put at risk by destructive human actions.
Guide diplomats and politicians to look beyond short- term interests,
and help them keep the well-being of vulnerable people and the planet in focus.
Open our leaders' minds and hearts with wisdom we pray, so that they
develop more equitable ways of ordering our common life. Amen.

We also ask for those in our congregation who need Your healing touch
We bring their names before You now in silent prayer....

Hymn # 57 You who dwell in the shelter V; 1,3 and 4.

Benediction
POSTLUDE: