

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. David Thompson**

**4th Sunday After Epiphany**

**January 28th, 2024**

**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:**

God's praise endures forever,  
**and eternity meets us in fleeting moments.**

God's praise endures forever,  
**and glory bursts into ordinary activities.**

God's praise endures forever,  
**and faith is steadfast in the midst of change and challenge.**

Let us worship the Eternal God who calls us to this time and place.

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

Loving God,

You are the wisdom behind all mystery,  
the glory hidden in all that makes us wonder,  
the strength in all that nourishes.

With eyes open and spirits alert, we experience Your glory around us.

Scattered throughout the earth,  
smoldering deep inside us and radiating in acts of love,  
sparks of Your glory reside.

We feel joy each time we encounter You.

So we gather to express our praise and gratitude  
for all the good we have experienced,  
knowing it all comes from Your hand,  
for You are Creator, Christ and Spirit,  
Ever Three and Ever One. Amen.

**Hymn # 433** – All creatures of our God and King Verses 1 & 6

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

Gracious God,

we confess there are many times we forget You.

We focus on what troubles us and ignore the help You offer.

We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places.

In thoughtless moments,

we harm the earth and each another.

Forgive us.

Remind us to live each day focused on Your purposes.

Thank-You for loving us! Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon: (Minister)**

Hear the good news: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone. New life has begun. Thanks be to God that we can make a new start, forgiven, and set free.

Amen.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Leader: Let the Peace of Christ be with you!

*Congregation: And also with you.*

*(Please turn and greet one another)*

**Anthem**

**STORY**

HYMN # 321 - Praise To The Lord The Almighty

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Luke 7: 31-35**

**Romans 7:14-25**

**SERMON: “Why sabotage ourselves?”**

OFFERTORY # 661 - We give thee but thine own, verse 1

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION: ((together))**

**Lord Jesus, we bring our gifts to You, asking you to bless them so that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine. Bless us, too, so that our lives speak of our choice to follow You, offering others the healing and hope You have offered us. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS of the People:**

**The Lord's Prayer:** (trespasses)

**Prayer of Intercession:** (Minister and Congregation together)

Dear God: Draw close to us whenever we need You,  
and renew our spirits to continue serving You.

Hear us now as we pray for the earth,  
this precious, fragile home to all living things:

For declining species of plant and animal life

For the earth's climate and places with too much or too little water

For the oceans and rainforests, the skies and the air we breathe.

Teach us how to be more faithful stewards of Your earth  
and live more respectfully in Your creation. Amen.

**Hymn #642** - O Master, let me walk with Thee. V: 1, 3 and 4

**Benediction**

**POSTLUDE**