

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany; PWS&D Sunday**

**February 4, 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 said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.

**The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;**

**For God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

**Let everything that has breath, praise the LORD!**

There is no distinction between Jew and Palestinian.

**The same GOD is LORD of all and richly blesses all who call on him.**

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

O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the universe, You are great beyond all things. You are clothed in honour and majesty, wrapped in light as a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, You set the beams of Your chambers on the waters, You make the clouds Your chariot, You ride on the wings of the wind, You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame Your ministers. You gave us your Son Jesus Christ as Saviour and Messiah and the Holy Spirit as our Helper and Comforter. We give you glory, honour and praise now and forever. Amen.

**Hymn # 472:** We are God's people – Verses 1 & 4

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

Compassionate and merciful God, who sent Your Son Jesus Christ to deliver us from all forms of injustices and inequalities; we confess we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have looked down on others because of their race, class and colour. Forgive us our wrongs and create in us new hearts and new minds. Grant us enlarged visions to see Your image in everyone we encounter regardless of their background, race and ethnicity. Help us to love like Jesus and create communities of humans flourishing in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:** (Minister)

Friends, the Bible says while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. We are forgiven in Christ, let us accept Christ's forgiveness and extend it to others. Thanks be to God.

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 # 467:** Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you - Verse: 1, 2, & 4

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Acts 2: 37- 39** - The first conversions

**Matthew 5: 38 – 48** - Sermon on the Mount

## **SERMON:** “From what if to what now!”

**OFFERTORY:** # 830 - Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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

Generous God, all good and perfect gifts come from You. With joy and thanksgiving, we have come to return to You a part of the gifts You gave us. As Jesus blessed the bread and fish and it multiplied, we pray that You will multiply our gifts and bless us with wisdom and direction from the Holy Spirit on how to use it to bless your Kingdom. Amen.

## **PRAYERS of the People**

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

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

Dear God, You are the giver of life and You are the Creator of the universe, your Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: we thank you for your Word which corrects us, rebukes us, teaches us, encourages us and challenges us. We admit that we have promoted divisions, injustice and inequalities, instead of the unity and love you have called us to. By the power of your Holy Spirit equip us with the fruit of the Spirit (Love Joy and Peace) to live the gospel of Christ. Make us eager to do Your will, that we may represent Your nature in us and share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life. Amen.

**Hymn # 457:** Now thank we all our God (all verses)

**Benediction**

**POSTLUDE**