

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1st Sunday in Lent; Heritage Sunday
February 18th, 2024
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

Call to Worship:

We are beginning our journey through Lent.

God is with us on the way.

We come to find light in the shadows and strength in our weakness.

We will remember God's faithfulness.

We seek God's mercy and truth step by step, day by day.

We trust in God's steadfast love, so we worship with grateful hearts!

Prayer of approach: (Together)

Good and gracious God,

Creator of earth and sky,

Maker of rainbows and raindrops,

we praise You for the beauty of the world us,

and for the hope of life with You now and always.

We praise You for your faithfulness and loving kindness

throughout all generations,

for Your promise of grace,
for Your compassion and love revealed to us in Jesus.
Receive our prayers and praises this day
and teach us how to live by your love. Amen.

Hymn # 200: Lord Jesus, who through forty days - Verses 1. 4 & 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Together)

Wise and Merciful God,

You made a covenant with us in faithfulness,

but we confess we are not always so faithful to You.

We grow tired and restless when things don't go our way.

We lose patience with others.

We lack compassion for our neighbours in need,

and forget to express love for those closest to us.

Forgive us.

Make us prisms of your love,

with the light of Christ light shining through us. Amen

Assurance of Pardon: (Minister)

Believe the good news. Jesus proclaimed that the Kingdom of God has come near.
Trust in his forgiving love for you, and forgive one another in his name

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 # 680: Christ of all my hopes the ground - Verses 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Samuel 17: 32-37

Micah 5: 1-2.

Luke 4:16-30

SERMON: “Timing is everything”

OFFERTORY #- 661: We give thee but thine own Verse 1

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Together)

God of courage and compassion, we bring our gifts to you in Jesus’ name. This year the world badly needs both his courage and compassion. Bless our gifts so that they bring hope to others in these challenging times. Amen.

PRAYERS of the people

The Lord’s prayer (Trespases)

Prayer of intercession (Minister and Congregation together)

Lord of life,

Trusting Your promise of new life, it is with hope that we pray:

For anyone we have hurt by harsh words or careless deeds;

For those known to us who are carrying heavy burdens;

For those we work with; For all who are seeking employment or worry about their businesses;

For troubled places in our world and those who work for reconciliation and understanding;

For churches seeking new ways to minister in changing times;

For all those on our hearts this day;

[Silence]

Renew our hope for the future You will bring us

and our desire to live out the courage and compassion of Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn #671: I heard the voice of Jesus say - Verses 1 & 3

Benediction

POSTLUDE