

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 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:**

One: How shall we come before our God?

**Many: We come celebrating God's goodness.**

One: As we worship, what does the Lord require of us?

**Many: God calls us to do justice and to love kindness.**

One: As we serve, what does the Lord require of us?

**Many: God calls us to walk humbly with our God.**

One: Let us worship God, loving and serving each other. Amen

**Prayer of approach: (Together)**

**Faithful God,**

**May we experience Your Goodness in our hearts and minds.**

**Your glorious Spirit fills this world and renews our hearts and visions so that**

**We can see your image in every person, irrespective of background, race, and ethnicity.**

**Your love moves beyond divides and borders and works in us to end**

**misunderstandings, racisms, and injustices; when we love as You taught us we create communities of human flourishing. We praise you for reconciling Your world and making us one in Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn # 328: This is my Father's world Verses 2 & 3**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Together)**

**Forgiving God, we do not readily open our hearts to others who are different from us.**

**We want to follow the example set by Jesus to love everyone and to refuse evil and choose the good, but we are scared of the unknown and fear that we might lose ourselves.**

**We fail so often to share your unconditional love with others.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and remind us of Jesus' sacrificial love for us and all humanity.**

**Strengthen us where we are weak, that we may faithfully respond to**

**Your call to love one another as You have loved us.**

**Make us channels of Your peace and make us people**

**who will build Your kingdom of love and justice by refusing evil and choosing the good. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon: (Minister)**

**Let us give God thanks that we have been set free through the Life and Resurrection of Jesus. Let us live in peace, love the Lord, and love others. 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 # 315:** A Mighty Fortress is our God Verses: 1 & 3

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Isaiah 7:13-15**

**Philippians 4: 4-9**

**SERMON:** “Life Quest: Refuse evil, Choose Good”

**OFFERTORY # 830:** Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (Together)

**Generous God, You have blessed our lives with many diverse gifts and peoples. We pause with grateful hearts to offer You gifts of money that You have provided for us. We also give to You our hands, feet, voices, time, and our abilities. Use all that we are along with these gifts to spread Your love throughout the world. We dedicate ourselves and all that we are to Your work. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS of the People**

**The Lord's prayer:** (Trespases)

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

**Lord there are many who are downtrodden by inequality and injustice. In Your mercy hear our prayer: we pray for a better society for all people where dividing walls are broken down giving way to the life changing love of Jesus Christ. May the choices we make help to liberate all people, especially those who have been marginalized, and who are held captive by inequality and injustice.**

**Lord, we bring before You people throughout the world who struggle with poverty, food insecurity, lack of clean water and proper resources to aid their survival. We lift up people who are displaced especially in Palestine, and those who must migrate in and from places like South Sudan, Central America, and other places where the most vulnerable are being exploited and enslaved.**

**Hear our prayer to end the war in Ukraine and Palestine.**

**Hear the cries of our hearts, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn # 633:** Who would true valour see Verses 2 & 3

**Benediction**

**POSTLUDE**