



**NEW SMALL GROUP** to begin later in May/June.

Are you interested in being part of a **Random Acts of Kindness** group? Sign up in the Narthex on the clipboard by the bulletin board.



If you have an interest in **Classic cars or Race cars**, contact John Waldie to join this Small Group.

All are invited to a monthly worship service at Camp Kintail called "Kirk in the Cedars" at 4pm followed by dinner.

Upcoming dates: May 19 and June 16.



**"WE LOVE KNOX" Cups:** Simply bring coins - loonies or toonies, dimes, nickels or quarters or folding money and put them into the **"WE LOVE KNOX" Cup** that it is the middle of the offering plate. This will go to the Operating Fund. **THANK YOU!**



### Upcoming Meetings

The Search Team meets on Tuesday, May 14 at 7pm.

Knox Session meets on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:45pm.

**Interim Minister:** The Reverend Dr. David Thompson

**Music Director:** Suzanne Strahan

**Treasurer:** Shannon Archer

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## KNOX STRATFORD

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**WELCOME to Knox:**

A place where friendships begin and grow! Come to the fellowship hour after the service and make yourself known to us over coffee!



### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

Bev Dougall, Heather Hislop, Suzanne Strahan, Peter Dougall

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; We will praise God with songs of joy.

**Congregation: For God is awesome, Reigning over all the earth!**

**We will sing praises to God every day.**

One: On this Mother's Day, Let us worship God with all we have to offer. Offering God our love – heart, mind and strength!

### PRAYERS OF APPROACH (Together):

**God of promise and purpose, We praise with thankful hearts.**

**As the beauty of the seasons change the beauty of Your world lifts our hearts in praise.**

**We know that Jesus is always by our side as the future opens before us.**

**Show us the promise and purpose in our own lives – how we can unfurl with new life, and move into the future empowered by Your Spirit, Amen.**

**HYMN: #457 Now Thank we all our God Verses 1 and 3**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together):** Lord Jesus Christ, you called Your followers to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth. Yet we confess we cannot always find the words to tell others of our faith. Sure, we try to act with Your love to others, but in this secular world with its different values, it's hard to tell others, why we do, what we do is because of You! Forgive us. Give us the courage to act with our hearts and the determination to change the world for the better with kindness and love. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon (Minister):** Friends, remember the promise the Apostle Paul declares: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Peril or sword? Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go. Amen.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

Congregation: And also, with you. Please greet one another.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**STORY**

**HYMN: #275** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun. Verses 1 & 4

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 68: Verses 5 and 6

2 Samuel 9: 1-13

Matthew 19:13-15

**SERMON: "Mother's Day: Why families?"**

**OFFERING - DOXOLOGY #661** Offering is brought forward. The offering can be placed on the offering plates at the back of the church before or during the service, or at the front after the service.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together):**

Eternal and ever-present God, bless the gifts we offer today with the power of Your Holy Spirit. Use them and us to witness to the love of Jesus Christ and bring healing and hope to the world in his name. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Together):** Loving God, on this Mother's Day and Family Sunday, we pray for the families we belong to - Thank You for parents, grandparents and great-parents, for the generations who started our families and all they have given to us. Today we thank You especially for our mothers, and pray for all the mothers around the world. Give mothers hope for their children, and peace in the world to raise their children safely. Comfort and support each member of our families, and guide each child and young person into the future. Amen.

**HYMN: #765** We've a story to tell to the nations Verse 1

**BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE**

**\*\* \*\* \* JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS \* \*\* \*\***

in the west transept following the service.



**Mark you calendar for Communion  
on Sunday, June 9**

The **KNOX HANDCRAFTERS GROUP** meets on  
**Tuesday, May 21 at 10:30am** at Knox in the Multipurpose  
space on the Main Floor (Accessible).

The **Life Study Group** focusing on the sermon and  
scriptures will meet again on **Thursday, May 23 at 10am.**