

Next Communion date is
Sunday, June 9



NEW "Random Acts of Kindness"
SMALL GROUP to begin in June.
Sign up in the Narthex on the clipboard.



If you have an interest in **Classic cars or Race cars**, contact John Waldie to join this Small Group. They hope to do some local tours that feature these speciality cars.



"Kirk in the Cedars" is a monthly worship service at Camp Kintail at 4pm
Followed by dinner.



Summer dates:

June 16 - July 28th - August 25th



"WE LOVE KNOX" Cups: Fill the cup with loonies or toonies, dimes, nickels or quarters or folding money. This will go to the Operating Fund – every bit helps.

THANK YOU!

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KNOX STRATFORD
Sunday, May 26, 2024
Healing and Reconciliation Sunday

Interim Minister: The Reverend Dr. David Thompson
Music Director: Suzanne Strahan
Treasurer: Shannon Archer

PRELUDE

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: You call us by name and just as we are: You know each of our needs; You know our experiences; You know what rests in our minds and our hearts, and in Your love, You call us.

Congregation: **We come together, our heads, our hearts and our hands and feet yearning to be remade and redirected to paths of justice, and in ways of love. Help us, Jesus, to walk in the paths of justice and love, that You yourself have walked.**

Lament for Children of Residential Schools:

Creator God of love and justice, Comforter of those who mourn, we turn to You acknowledging the actions of Your church, our complicity in running residential schools and taking children from their families. We have asked forgiveness and committed to work for truth, healing and reconciliation.

For where there was joy, we took it away

- Laughter and we stifled it
- Play and we turned it to tears
- Family and we broke it
- Dignity, and we stifled it

We repent and renew our commitment to walk a new path. We honour the children lost and hold the memory of their lives in our hearts this day - Amen.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH (Together): God of Creation – everything you have made sings your praises. Let our voices join the song and proclaim your goodness, your grace, your justice, and your fulsome peace. With Jesus as our example, let our words become actions that reflect Your will for the thriving of all people, all creation. May Your Spirit of love flow abundantly into every corner of the world. Amen.

HYMN: #340 At the name of Jesus Verses 1 and 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together): We confess our brokenness, God. We come before You with all that we are - and all that we fail to be. With all we have done, and all we have failed to do. God of mercy, in You we know we can find healing and wholeness. We seek Your forgiveness now. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Minister): 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: #338 Let all things now living

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ecclesiastes 9: Verse 10 (KJV)

Galatians 6: 6-10

Matthew 19:13-15

SERMON: "Persistence can heal you."

OFFERING - DOXOLOGY #79 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): All that we have comes from you, O God. May these gifts be used by You, as we work for a more peaceful and just world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Together):

Loving God,

We hold in our hearts:

.... those who are sick, or have loved ones that are struggling with physical or mental illness. Let them know they are not alone. Jesus, bring your comfort, justice, and peace. ...people who face violence in their relationships, in their home, office, community or country, and for those who have been displaced by war, unjust economic systems, the climate crisis, and ongoing impacts of colonization around the world. Divine Spirit, bring your comfort, justice, and peace. Amen.

HYMN: #314 God is love Verses 1 and 3.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

in the West Transept following the service.



EPIC (Every Person In Church)

Sunday, June 2 at 10:30am

Fruits of the Spirit-Sunday School

LUNCHEON to follow in the banquet hall.

We need people to help coordinate the luncheon.

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