

**Sunday, June 9, 2024**  
**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**We Gather for Holy Communion**

**PRELUDE**

**HYMN: #13** Ye Gates, lift up your heads  
- 2 verses and Coda after the last verse

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**THE PEACE of CHRIST:**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts;

**Many: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: Call upon God to increase our strength of soul.

**Many: In the midst of troubling times, God reaches out to us.**

One: So we gather to worship God, trusting in God's goodness and guidance.

**Many: We come to offer our prayers and praise, seeking God's renewing love day by day.**

**UNISON PRAYER:** God of all creation, we marvel at all the detail and grandeur You call into being. You created the fragile beauty and balance in the world, from the depths of the sea to the tops of the mountains. You have seen Christ's Church grow from tiny beginnings into a worldwide community, full of diversity in voice and vocation. Open our eyes to Your purposes for each of us and all of us, and for the Church in every location. Awaken us with insights from Your Holy Spirit and show us how to fulfil Your will in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**God's Inspiration in Nature** – A new feature has been added to the website. It is a chance for members and adherents to send a picture they have taken of nature to show God's Inspiration. Some photos will be featured weekly on the website and some used in the Power Point on Sundays.

**Please send the image to this email**  
**knoxstratford142@gmail.com**

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



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

**Summer dates:**  
**June 16 - July 28<sup>th</sup> - August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**"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.. **THANK YOU!**



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## We hear the Word of God

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison):** Loving God, our souls wait for You, more than those who watch for the morning. Send your Spirit to open Your Word for us, so that we will hear Your voice and follow Christ, Your Living Word. Amen

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Lesson: Job 19: 25-27  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11: 24-28  
Gospel: St. John 11: 23-26

**SERMON:** "Is Death the best invention of life?"

## We respond in Faith and Service

**HYMN:** #477 Your hand, O God, has guided Verses 1 and 4

### **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD**

**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.

### **DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

#### **Holy Communion**

**THE APOSTLES CREED:** - All standing if able  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.

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On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

**Confession of sins: Let us confess our sins together:**

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy Holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

**HYMN:** #507 Break now the bread of life Verses 1 and 3  
(The elements are uncovered)

### **Words of Institution**

**Holy Communion:** The congregation comes forward to receive. Then the servers receive and then the Minister. After all have received the Minister will announce the closing hymn.

**CLOSING HYMN:** #726 May the God of Hope go with us  
every day.

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**  
**POSTLUDE (3)**