

KNOX STRATFORD
5th Sunday After Pentecost
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PRELUDE

WELCOME to Knox: a place where friendships begin and grow! Come to the fellowship hour in the west transept after the service and make yourself known to us over refreshments!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

Congregation: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We see God's wondrous works all around us,

Congregation: thus, we come to praise God's holy name.

Leader: Let us Open our hearts in this time of worship!

Congregation: Let us lift them to God with thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (Together):

Creator God, we gather in wonder this day, astonished by the complexity of all you have made, acknowledging how small each of us is in the midst of your world.

Yet Your love gives us significance.

When we are overcome by forces beyond our control, You speak words of peace.

When trouble or sorrow sets in, You give us strength to persevere.

Source, Saviour and Spirit of life, we offer You praise and honour, love and loyalty, with our lips and with our lives, now and always. Amen.

HYMN: #76 I love the Lord Verses 1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together):

God, our hope and our help, You call us to serve in the footsteps of Jesus, but we confess we look to our own interests first.

You ask us to love our neighbours, but we are good at finding fault in others.

You call us to do justice for the vulnerable, but we hesitate to take a stand:

Forgive us.

Open our hearts to anyone in need, and help us trust in Your mercy – for them and for us.

Assurance of Pardon (Minister):

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: Let the Peace of Christ be with you!

Congregation: And also with you. Please turn and take time to greet one another.

CHOIR ANTHEM

STORY

HYMN: #431 Jesus, where'er thy people meet Verses 1-3

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 4: 6-8

St. Matthew 6: 1-8

Sermon: "Prayer and things Science cannot explain"

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,

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together): Generous God, we offer our gifts with thankful hearts, grateful for your patience with us as your purposes unfold. Bless these gifts to accomplish your purposes throughout the world You love in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Minister and Congregation together):

In faithful silence, we lay before you the concerns on our hearts this day:

We pray for those people and places who have been in the headlines this week, and for all who cry out to you in situations we can't even imagine:

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are suffering from illness of any sort, coping with pain or ongoing treatment, for those waiting for or recovering from surgery, and for those who are bereaved or burdened by any deep loss: Amen.

HYMN: #685 How firm a foundation Verses 2,3 and 5

BENEDICTION:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
That you may, through the power of prayer, engage the direction of the Holy Spirit for your life.
Go out into the world and make a difference where you touch the world.
Be blessed In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit .Amen

POSTLUDE