

KNOX STRATFORD

6th Sunday After Pentecost

June 30th, 2024 - Celebrating Canada Day

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO KNOX: a place where friendships begin and grow! Join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We give thanks for our country Canada

Congregation: For a place to live in safety and hope for the future, we give thanks!

Leader: In Scripture You have asked us to look after the earth.

Congregation: We acknowledge that the earth does not belong to us. Help us to understand how to look after the earth for You!

PRAYER OF APPROACH (Together): Creator God, we gather this day in dependence on You rather than ourselves. We are mindful of all You have made and seek to better understand Your purposes for us and this planet. Help us in Canada to lead the world in the right direction to preserve it and as this process unfurls let us be happy for Canada as our home. Amen

Hymn: #800 O Canada Verses 1 and 2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together): Our Loving God, we find ourselves in 62nd place in the world when it comes to climate action. Our attitude to the earth has been wrong. We have exploited her to our own peril and the peril of all living things. We are in crisis and confess our deep need of You. Help us we pray to change what we can that will benefit all living things. Help us to realize that this earth belongs to You. We have deeply erred and are in need of Your forgiveness and restoration to our right minds. Help us we pray...

Assurance of Pardon: (Minister) The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear and believe the good news. When we repent of our sins and seek to change, God is right there with us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new and can start again but this time with compassion for ourselves and all who live on this amazing planet. We claim Your blessing and know that we don't deserve it yet ... but hope to!

THE PEACE of CHRIST:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

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

STORY

HYMN: #801 From ocean unto ocean Verses 1 and 3

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 24

Epistle: Colossians 1: 15-20

SERMON: "Canada: Slavery and Climate Crisis!"

OFFERING - DOXOLOGY #830 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): Dear God You have been good to us here in Canada. With grateful hearts for our nation and its role in the world we give thanks. Help us to steward our gifts so that they heal the planet and help to extend the Kingdom of the reign of Your kindness. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Together): Lord Jesus Christ: You are the source of rest and right relationship for God's whole creation, and we are grateful. We pray for the earth, its many creatures and habitats competing for survival, for its scarce resources and its abundant beauty. *(Pause)*

Challenge us to live out our good intentions for the earth in our lifestyle choices, big and small, so that Your kingdom may come on earth not by disaster but through discipleship. Amen.

Hymn: #802 For the fruits of all creation Verses 1 and 3

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

God's Inspiration in Nature – Share some photos to be featured on the website and used in the Power Point.

Please send the image to: knoxstratford142@gmail.com

Classic Cars/Race Cars small group will meet on Sunday, July 14 at 2pm. Details on location and map to follow.

Contact is John Waldie.



"Kirk in the Cedars" is a monthly worship service at Camp Kintail at 4pm. Followed by dinner. **Summer dates:** July 28 & August 25

"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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