

KNOX STRATFORD

7th Sunday After Pentecost July 7th, 2024

PRELUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Great is the LORD;

MANY: and greatly to be praised.

One: Praise God in cities and towns,

MANY: Praise God in all quiet places.

One: Praise God on mountains and hilltops;

MANY: praise God in every valley, on every plain and in the deeps.

One: Let us raise our praise with all God's creation;

MANY: We will praise God's holy name, here and everywhere, now and always.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (Together): Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made all things and called them good. You created humans in your image, and gave us a calling and a purpose. You lift up leaders and send out disciples to take part in your reconciling work in the world. Your love is endless, your mercy without measure. And so we praise You with heart, mind, strength and soul, in the name of Jesus, Your Son, blessed by Your Spirit, working in us, with us, around us and beyond us. Amen.

Hymn: #814 Morning has broken Verses 1 and 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together): God of overflowing grace, we confess we often take your blessing for granted. Forgetting life is a precious gift, we waste time on things that don't matter. We complain when things don't go our way, ignoring those who face even steeper challenges. Forgive us, O God. Renew our calling to share Your love where we touch the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: (Minister) While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love. Receive the mercy of God this day, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

THE PEACE of CHRIST:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

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

MUSIC

STORY

HYMN: #497 Word of God Verses 1 and 3

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Micah 6:8

Epistle: Acts 10: 30-35

Gospel: St. Matthew 19: 16-22

SERMON: "How do we become Christian?"

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):

Faithful God, we bring our gifts with trusting hearts, seeking Your blessing on the ministries these gifts support. Work through our gifts to touch the world with Your healing Grace through Christ's mission in the world to love You, our neighbors and ourselves, in whose name we offer our lives and gifts to You. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Together): Dear God: Please bring comfort to those facing struggles this summer: those whose crops have withered by the extremes of weather; those who cannot find enough workers for their businesses and workers who can't find secure employment; those whose housing is insecure, and any who are losing hope that things will ever improve. Bring challenge to those whose decisions affect the well-being of the vulnerable, to those who guide planning for housing and employment, and those who respond to the changing climate and lives and livelihoods at risk. May your wisdom and compassion guide them. Amen.

Hymn: #765 We've a story to tell to the nations Verses 1 & 2
BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

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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 for our Operating Fund with loonies or toonies, dimes, nickels or quarters or folding money.
THANK YOU!

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