

## KNOX STRATFORD

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 21, 2024.

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### PRELUDE

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

**One:** In moments of anxiety, God leads us to still waters.

**MANY: O God, we come to you.**

**One:** In moments of confusion, God leads us in right paths.

**MANY: O God, we come to hear your voice.**

**One:** In moments of loneliness, God is with us.

**MANY: O God, we come, seeking your love.**

**One:** In all our moments, God is with us.

**MANY: So, we come to praise the One who restores our lives.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH (Together):** God our Maker, in summer we marvel at the world you have made, the colours of sunrise and sunset filling the horizon, the intricate beauty of flower gardens and natural parks, the quiet dignity of a river in its course, and the steadfast presence of a rock face carved over time. You show us how each small piece of your creation depends in many ways on all the others; the quality of life on the respect we offer each another. God our Maker, we join all creation to bring you praise, honouring you and the relationships you have set between us all, through Christ, firstborn of all creation. Amen.

**Hymn: #267** Rejoice, the Lord is King Verses 1, 3 and 5.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together):** God our Maker, though we marvel at your creation, we confess we often take it for granted. We prefer to live as if our lifestyles make no impact on the earth. We resist reports that tell us otherwise. We confess we don't really want to change. Yet we wonder if the way we live pleases You. Forgive us for any harm we cause the earth. Teach us how to live with love and respect. Help us to live at peace with all creatures of creation and all peoples of the world. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon: (Minister)** In Christ, all things hold together. Let us accept the peace of Christ and make peace with one another. Amen.

#### THE PEACE of CHRIST:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

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

#### MUSIC

#### STORY

**HYMN: #741** Like a mighty river flowing Verses 1 and 5

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 4:35-41

Romans 7: 14-23

**SERMON:** "Finding your peace in the storm"

**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 the service.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together):** God of goodness, receive our gifts and gratitude for all you provide. Bless our gifts so that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, for the sake of Christ, our Friend and Saviour. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**(Trespases)**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Together):**

Generous God, we pray for all whose lives seem empty of joy because the going is tough and friends seem far away...because they are facing disappointment...because sorrow and grief are keen this day. Support each one in Your abundant compassion. Thank-You. Amen.

**Hymn:** #26 As pants the hart (Psalm 42) Verses 1, 3 and 5

**BENEDICTION**

**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 images to: [knoxstratford142@gmail.com](mailto:knoxstratford142@gmail.com)

**"Kirk in the Cedars"** is a monthly worship service at Camp Kintail at 4pm. Followed by dinner. Carpooling is an option.  
**Summer dates:** Sunday, July 28 and Sunday, August 25

**"WE LOVE KNOX" Cups:** Fill the cup for our Operating Fund with loonies or toonies, dimes, nickels or quarters or folding money. **UPDATE:** The "loose change" cup was introduced in the month of March. At the end of June this resulted in additional non-receipted offerings of \$479.35. **THANK YOU!**

<p><b>For PASTORAL CARE</b> – Please call the church office to connect with the Minister. 519-271-0373</p>
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