

KNOX STRATFORD

10th Sunday after Pentecost July 28th, 2024.

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

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: All God's works give thanks to the Lord.

MANY: We will lift up our voices in praise.

One: The Lord is near to all who call upon God in truth.

MANY: We will sing of God's power and speak of God's loving kindness.

One: Let us worship God who is faithful in all things.

MANY: Let us praise God's Holy name forever.

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH: Gracious and generous God, we gather with grateful hearts, amazed by the abundance in your creation, abundance to share in food, in friendship and in faithfulness. We gather with hopeful hearts, seeking another taste of Your love for us. Your love is both mysterious and miraculous, O God, with the power to transform times that overwhelm us and lives that hunger for hope. By the power of Your Spirit, move among us in our worship. Open before us the new possibilities You create for us in Christ, the Bread of life, food for our journeys. Amen.

Hymn: #438 When morning gilds the sky Verses 1 and 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together): Gracious and Generous God, we gather to be fed by Your love, trusting that You will embrace us. We confess we are not nearly so generous with our love. We are often suspicious of others, fearful of what they seek from us. We criticize what others do, but rarely question our own motivations. Forgive us, O God, and awaken our generosity toward others. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: (Minister) The Letter to the Ephesians declares that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, for we are being rooted and grounded in His love. The forgiveness He offers is a gift of this love that is wider and deeper than we can ever imagine. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace with God, with yourself and 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:#368 Let Christian faith and hope dispel Verses 1,5 &6

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 4: 18-20

Matthew 19: 23-26

John 21:1-6

SERMON: "Thinking in possibilities can change you!"

OFFERING - DOXOLOGY #830 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.** Thank you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together): God of abundant love, we offer our gifts to You willingly, and yet they seem so small in a world of great need. Bless and multiply them in Your love. Surprise us with Your power, working in us and through us, to accomplish worthy things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Together):
In our communities, congregations and families, we witness uncertainty about the future and hope for leaders who are wise and trustworthy. In the unrest around us, call out to us. Hear our prayers. Come near to us, and overcome all our fears. For the sake of all goodness, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: #310 Bring many names Verses 1 and 6

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

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“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: Help us to fill the cup for our Operating Fund with loonies or toonies, dimes, nickels or quarters or folding money. **UPDATE:** Since March, there was additional non-receipted offerings of \$479.35. **THANK YOU!**

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