

KNOX STRATFORD

11th Sunday after Pentecost August 4th, 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

INTROIT

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: Bless the Lord with heart and soul,
for God is great beyond imagining

**MANY: We offer our gratitude to God
in this time of worship!**

ONE: God sends forth the Spirit to renew all things.

MANY: Dear God, please renew us in this time of worship!

ONE: Let us sing praise to God as long as we live.

MANY: We will sing to our God while we have breath.

**Solemnly and yet with joy, we have come to
worship God, the Creator of all things bright and
beautiful and all creatures great and small. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**God of majesty and mystery,
You are the source of all that is.**

Your breadth and depth are beyond our imagining.

Your grace defies our explanations.

**You touch us with comfort or challenge when we least
expect it. Receive our prayer and praise this day,
as we seek You in this hour of worship.**

**We come to You in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
while Your Holy Spirit prays within us and lifts our hearts
to you. Amen.**

HYMN: #433 All creatures of or God and King Verses 1 & 6

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together): God of mystery and
mercy, You know the details of our lives. You see the sin
and the sorrow we bear. You see how we take advantage
of each other, and how we overlook one another.
We confess we do not always see what You see, O God,
please open our eyes to the truths in our being, and
cleanse our hearts with Your grace. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: (Minister) Hear the good news! Who is
in a position to condemn? Only Christ – and Christ died for us;
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for
us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.**

THE PEACE of CHRIST:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

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

MUSIC

STORY

HYMN: #651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer Verses 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 20: 1-11

2 Chronicles 32: 30-31

1 John 4: Verse 16

SERMON: "Science, Miracles and the Universe"

**OFFERING - DOXOLOGY #661 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): Good and generous
God, bless the gifts we offer You this day, as well as our
efforts to serve others in Jesus' name. Use what we have
and what we do to support the work of the Church here
and around the world. Amen.**

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

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Together):

You hold the future in your hands, O God, and so we put
our trust in Your guidance for these changing times.
We pray for those who work on the seas and in the fields,
providing food the world needs.
We know their work is uncertain these days,
give them courage and strength to meet the challenges.
We pray for those who work in essential services,
often in demanding or dangerous situations.
We depend on their willingness to serve,
encourage them, O God.
Help them remain trustworthy as they face so many
different calls for service. God of grace and goodness,
renew our trust in You. Amen.

HYMN: #477 Your Hand, O God, has Guided Verses 1 & 4

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

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Mark your calendars for our first **EPIC Sunday on September 8.**
Sunday School and special refreshments after the service!

“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 over \$500 - **THANK YOU!**

God's Inspiration in Nature - Share your nature photos
from around home or your travels. These will be featured
on the website and used in the Power Point. Please send to:
knoxstratford142@gmail.com OR speak with Peter Dougall.

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