

## **KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STRATFORD**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost September 15th, 2024**

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### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME TO KNOX:** a place where friendships begin and grow! Join us for fellowship, refreshments, and Ice Cream Sundaes in the Banquet Hall following the service.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Come, people of God, worship the One who listens patiently to our prayers.

**MANY: We will worship the One who hears us.**

One: Come, people of God, worship the One who watches over us.

**MANY: We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.**

One: Come, people of God, worship the One who offered his life for us.

**MANY: We will offer thanks and praise to the One who gives us life.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH (Together):** Living God, You are the artist of the changing skies and architect of the steadfast earth, Loving Christ, You were born to walk life's journey with us and show us God's purposes. Spirit of life, You are always moving in us and among us, offering us wisdom for every choice. Creator, Christ and Spirit, we honour You in our prayers and our praise. In this time of worship, show us how we can serve You, for we seek Your guidance and Your grace now and always. Amen.

**Hymn: #326 Give to the winds thy fears Verses 1-3**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together):** God of time and eternity, we confess that we have long memories, especially for moments we resent or regret. Each week we seek Your forgiveness for our mistakes, but we confess we do not forgive others so faithfully. Sometimes we seek opportunity to even the score. Confront us with your mercy, O God, and open our hearts to its cleansing power.

**Assurance of Pardon: (Minister)** From now on, the Apostle Paul declared, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Through Christ God has reconciled us, and given us a ministry of reconciliation. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start, this day and every day!

#### **THE PEACE of CHRIST:**

Leader: Let the Peace of Christ be with you!

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

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

#### **STORY**

**HYMN: #23** I waited for the Lord my God Verses 1 and 2

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Romans 5:1-5 -The parable of the patient husbandman  
St. Mark 4:26-29

**SERMON:** "Enjoy Developing patience!"

**OFFERING - DOXOLOGY #306** 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.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together):** Generous God, you poured out your love for us through Jesus Christ, who gave up everything on the cross. We bring what we have to offer you in love and loyalty. Receive our gratitude and bless all that our gifts can do, to share your love for Christ's sake. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Together):** God of hope and healing, we thank you for the healing arts, for the care and relief offered by professionals in our health care system and for support given by friends and volunteers. We pray for all who seek healing – for body, mind or spirit. Give each one your presence and peace through our prayer and friendship. Awaken us to all to our creative potential to serve you in serving each other. Hear our prayers, silent and spoken, summed up in the words Jesus taught us:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)**

**Hymn: #685** How firm a foundation Verses 1 and 2

**BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE**

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### **OUTREACH FOCUS for SEPTEMBER**

#### **"The SANDWICH PROJECT" - Connection Centre in Stratford**

Knox continues to make sandwiches twice a month for the Connection Centre. There is a cost for the supplies to make the sandwiches. For this Outreach focus, we are asking for cash donations to support this project. Envelopes are available in the Narthex. They can be placed on the offering plate. Thank you!

#### **FALL Groups have started for September!**

**Choir - Wednesdays at 7pm**

**Life Group Sermon and Bible Study - Thursdays at 10am**

**Handcrafters Group - Tuesday, September 17 at 10:30am**

**Random Acts of Kindness - meeting soon...!**

**Q&A Group - Sunday mornings 9am-10am**



**"WE LOVE KNOX" Cups:** Help us to fill the cup for our Operating Fund with loonies or toonies, dimes, nickels or quarters.