

## **KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STRATFORD**

**October 20, 2024     Holy Communion**

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### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME to Knox:** a place where friendships begin and grow! Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the west transept after the service.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, for the Lord our God is very great.

Many: God is clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in Light like a garment.

One: God stretches out the heavens like a tent, riding on wings of the wind.

Many: O Lord, in wisdom You have made each unique creature. With all of them, we come to praise You.

One: Let us praise God's Holy name together!

**PRAYER OF APPROACH (Together):** Praise be to you, O God, for the wonders of Your creation. You spin the galaxies and stretch out the seas to the furthest horizon.

You lift the curtain of dawn to end the night with light

You give the earth its seasons and each creature its lifespan, life into each precious soul. We come to praise You, knowing human greatness is a mere shadow of Yours.

Breathe your Spirit into us once again, and inspire us to serve You with creativity and commitment, and the honesty and humility we meet in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN: #431** Jesus, where'er thy people meet

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together):** Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to walk your way in the world, serving our neighbours and loving our enemies. We confess these are not easy choices for us. We seek acknowledgement for our own achievements, and enjoy being served. Forgive us for seeking our own way rather than your way. Forgive us our deliberate sins and those we are not conscious of. Heal us at this time of Holy Communion with You.

**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 for us in Jesus Christ. On this day when we celebrate Holy Communion with You, let us humbly seek Your mercy, and so be at peace with You, with ourselves and with one another.

**THE PEACE of CHRIST:** Let the Peace of Christ be with you!  
**Congregation:** And also, with you. Please greet one another.

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### **STORY**

**HYMN: #507** Break now the bread of Life

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 8: 18-27

**SERMON:** "Cracks! That is how the light gets in!"

**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):** Gracious God, we offer you these gifts, small tokens of our love for You. Bless them with the power of your Holy Spirit so they may accomplish more than we can even imagine, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Friend. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN: #543** Here, O my Lord, I see Thee Verses 1-3  
(The elements are uncovered)

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**HOLY COMMUNION** The servers come forward to serve.  
The congregation comes forward to receive.  
The Servers are served.  
The Minister is served.

**HYMN: #769** Lord of light Verses 1 and 4

## **COMMISSIONING – BENEDICTION – POSTLUDE**

**\* NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 27 \***

Honouring the 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the  
Cancer Care Mission - Wigs and Accessories Room

**OCTOBER'S OUTREACH is A FOOD DRIVE** for the House of Blessing and the Emily Murphy Centre. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the Narthex. Most needed items: healthy school snacks, peanut butter, canned veggies & fruit, canned soups & stews, pasta & sauce, rice side dishes (Kraft dinner, sidekicks, instant potatoes).

**HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER** – The Stratford Warriors games to support the Cancer Care Mission-Wigs and Accessories

**Friday, October 25 and Friday, November 1 at 7:30pm at the Allman Arena.** Special jerseys will be auctioned off as a fundraiser after the November game. T-Shirts are for sale \$30.00 at the games.

Thanks to Wendell Archer for arranging this with the Warriors.

**LEGION Community Remembrance Day Service**

**Sunday, November 3 at 10:30am**

Special Legion guests and the Stratford Concert Band