



KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STRATFORD

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Mission Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP – Prayer, Meditation and Visiting

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: We come together as Christ's people, with wonder and with praise.

People: We are called to serve, called to reach out, and called to care.

OPENING HYMN # 760: Where cross the crowded ways of life V: 1, 4, 5 and 6

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION: (in unison)

Dear God, your faithfulness is everlasting and your power stretches throughout the heavens. You have created and shaped us in love. You have begun a good work in us, and we are grateful. Merciful God, we admit that we get discouraged. We underestimate Your love within us. Forgive us when we turn away from the needs of others. Help us to reach out in faith, and to be generous. Empower us to be Your salt and light in a troubled world, through Christ, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS: Rejoice and be glad! Our God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Dare to believe in the gift of new beginnings, and the gift of peace.

THE PEACE of CHRIST: Let the Peace of Christ be with you!

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Cancer Care Acknowledgement: Maggie Harris and Cathy Bachner

HYMN #587: Called as partners in God's service V: 1, 2 and 4

Cancer Care Presentation: Nancy Rothwell & Bernice Weber-Passchier

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25: 31-46

MEDITATION: Dr. Thompson

HYMN: #654 O God of Bethel V: 1, 3 and 4

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.

OFFERING PRAYER: (in unison) Generous God, we offer the gifts of our lives, our time, our talents, and financial gifts. Receive them to carry out the work of Your kingdom, near and far. May this caring mission for Cancer Care meet the needs of those who need it with compassion and joy. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN #484: The church is wherever v: 1 and 2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE