

KNOX STRATFORD
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PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Bolded together)

With all those in heaven and on earth, let us say together:

**Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!**

Let us praise God with joyful hearts:

**We come before the throne of God to worship day and
night.**

Called together by the Holy Spirit, let us rejoice and sing:

**We will hunger and thirst no more; Christ brings us eternal
life.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (All Together) God of the ages, God of today, you are compassion; our cup overflows. You are hope; you lead us into green pastures. You are truth; you lead us beside quiet streams. You are life; you restore our souls. Morning, noon and night, O God, you are the source of our joy. We gather to worship you as one family of your people, honoring you as our Creator, trusting you as our Saviour, celebrating you as the Spirit who gives us life.

HYMN #299 Holy, Holy, Holy All Verses

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All Together) Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love; send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON All the promises of God find their "Yes" in Christ. That is why we utter the "Amen" through him, to the glory of God. It is God who has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are redeemed. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST Take a moment and greet each other

HYMN #389 Breathe on me, Breath of God All Verses

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ephesians 4:7–8, 11–13;
Numbers 11:16–30

SERMON "Leading and Helping"

HYMN #491 God Bless Your Church with Strength All Verses

OFFERING The offering can be placed on the offering plates at the back of the church before or during the service at the sound table, or at the front after the service.

DOXOLOGY #830 Offering is brought forward.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION God of abundant love, we thank you for the gift of your Spirit, poured out on all who live in Christ. May these gifts be our response of abundant love; use them to bless others, through Christ, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #670 Amazing Grace Verses 1,2,5,6

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE