

KNOX STRATFORD May 18, 2025

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PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Bolded together)

The God of the whirlwind and fire
sweeps into our presence in this hour.

**Glory be to God, who strengthens us and
blesses all people with peace.**

God, who called all the world into being,
calls forth new life in us today.

**Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose
we are claimed and empowered.**

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of
love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

**Glory be to God, who created light in which we can walk
in confident expectation.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (All Together) Holy God, the first
and the last, beginning and end of all things, you are worthy of
praise from all your creation. You fill our lives with the wonder of
your love in Christ Jesus. Your Spirit moves throughout the world
to reveal your purposes for every living thing. Receive our
prayers and praise this day, for you are the Source of our life
and our hope, Holy God, ever Three and Ever One.

HYMN #685 How Firm a Foundation Verses 1,2,4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All Together) God of love, in the
wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have
sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have
sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We
repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in
Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in
Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST Take a moment and greet each other

HYMN #358 There is a Redeemer All Verses

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Colossians 3:12-15
Judges 6:33-7:8

SERMON "Weakness and Strength"

HYMN #282 Filled with the Spirit's Power 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 Generous God, we bless you for
your gift of life renewed through Christ's love, and through
springtime growth in fields and gardens. Bless the gifts we bring
and make them signs of hope and renewal in the world we serve
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

HOLY SPIRIT (THEY WERE WAITING) SONG VIDEO

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE God of our Lord Jesus Christ, we
thank you for this community that gathers in Jesus' name, for the
warmth and welcome offered here, for friendship and
faithfulness discovered, for learning and leadership shared with
each other. Thank you for the hope that rises in us through the
resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us expressions of
that hope to each other and to the world you love for Jesus' sake,
as we join our voices with his followers around the world, praying
the words he taught us: **LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN #778 Lord, You Give the Great Commission
Verses 1,2,4,5 (NOT covered by CCLI)

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Join us for refreshments in the west transept after worship.
See Shirley Weitzel if you can help with refreshments or bring some
treats one Sunday.

This week at Knox

Tuesday, May 20 at 10:30am – Handcrafters- Multipurpose Room.
Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30pm – Session - Multipurpose Room.
Wednesday, May 21 at 7pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Thursday, May 22 at 11am – Life Study - Multipurpose Room.

21st Birthday of the Cancer Care Mission Wig Room!

Celebrate with the Mad Hatter Tea/Dance Party

Friday, May 30 from 6:00pm - 11:00pm

Banquet Hall here at Knox/Copperlight

Light fare-Sweets and Dancing-Band "Upside of Maybe"

Licensed event - must be 19+ to attend.

*See Nancy Rothwell about tickets or volunteering.

We are also needing squares: Hello Dollies, Brownies,
Pink Party Squares, or Lemon Squares.

WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH

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OUR
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In the Narthex,
at the back of the church.