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KNOX PRESBYTERIAN & ST. ANDREW'S UNITED
JOINT SUMMER SERVICES
Harvey, N.B.

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September 6th, 2015
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Holy Communion



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

***Introit:**

**God, who touches earth with beauty, make my
heart anew;
with your Spirit recreate me pure, and strong and
true.**

**Like the arching of the heavens lift my thoughts
above;
turn my dreams to noble actions, ministries of
love.**

**Like the birds that soar while singing, give my
heart a song;
may the music of thanksgiving echo clear and
strong.**

(Repeat v. 1)

***Call to Worship:**

One: What good is it if we say we love all people,
but give special treatment to a few?

**All: God calls us to love others as deeply
as we love ourselves, with no strings
attached.**

One: What good is it if we say we want God to
show mercy towards us, but are quick to judge
others?

**All: God calls us to forgive our sisters and
brothers, to let mercy triumph over
judgment.**

One: What good is it if we say we trust God in every
moment, but live guided by our fears?

**All: We will speak and act as those who trust
God to come and live in our fearful hearts.**

One: We come to open our hearts to God when we
come together to his table.

***Hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 321

Prayer of Approach**Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy and justice, you call us to love our
neighbors as ourselves, and to speak and act with
mercy and grace. Instead, we have been
judgmental, played favorites, and turned away
from the poor and needy. We have failed to be
impartial, and have abused our power. Reframe
and redirect our actions, Lord; that beauty, truth,
and justice may prevail throughout your creation.
Help each one of us, Lord, to be rich in faith, love,
and generosity.... (silent prayer) Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Family Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus 746

Time with the Y-POG (Young People of God)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination: Open our eyes, Lord
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
 To reach out and touch him and say that we love
 him

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Hebrew Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
 (p. 776)

***Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 125

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One: Everyone who trusts the Lord is like Mount Zion that cannot be shaken and will stand forever.

All: **Just as Jerusalem is protected by mountains on every side, the Lord protects his people by holding them in his arms now and forever.**

One: He won't let the wicked rule his people or lead them to do wrong.

All: **Let's ask the Lord to be kind to everyone who is good and completely obeys him.**

One: When the Lord punishes the wicked, he will punish everyone else who lives a crooked life. Pray for peace in Israel!

***Gloria Patri:**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
 Amen.**

New Testament: James 2:1-17 (p. 1479)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Mark 7:24-37 (p. 1203)

The Gospel of our risen Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection on the Word Rev. Kay Clowater

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Anthem

The Offering

***Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

***Communion Hymn:** Let us talents and tongues
employ 563

***Apostle's Creed**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving⁺⁺:

My beloved sisters and brothers, may the Lord be
with you.

And also with you.

My beloved brothers and sisters, lift up your hearts.

Our hearts are offered to our God.

My beloved sisters and brothers, let us give thanks to
the Lord our God.

**Thanksgiving is in our hearts, and praise is on our
lips.**

The people join in the ancient song after these words;

... with you throughout eternity, we join in everlasting song:

Holy, holy, holy, God who surrounds creation with your grace! Heaven and earth sing to the One who made them all. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who shares bread with the poor. Hosanna in the highest!

Prayers of thanksgiving continue and the people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith":

**Christ has died, to sow life;
Christ has risen, to sow grace;
Christ will return, to sow justice for all.**

⁺⁺ (adapted from Lectionary Liturgy by Thom Shuman)

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Communion

Prayer after Communion/Prayers of the People

***Hymn** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer 651

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

***Song of Dismissal**

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
we shall go out, with strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
tales of love that will not let us go.**

**We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be
righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be
healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

Postlude

WELCOME We are pleased that you have joined us for worship today. Your presence here is a blessing to all. A special welcome to anyone visiting with us this morning.

Please join us downstairs for a time of coffee and fellowship immediately following the worship service.



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with all who are sick, in hospital or at home; as well as those awaiting diagnosis and/or treatment. And we hold close all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

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The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent, one from another.

Genesis 31: 49 (KJV)

THANK YOU to Rev. Kay and the congregation of St. Andrew's. It has been our joy and blessing to share in worship together again this summer. We pray blessings on each of you and for your ministry within our community. We look forward to opportunities for shared ministry until we once again reunite for regular worship next summer. (Only 43 weeks 'til summer!) In the meantime...



May you have -
Walls for the wind
And a roof for the rain
And drinks bedside the fire;
Laughter to cheer you
And those you love near you,
And all that your heart may
desire.

Celtic Blessing

GRIEFSHARE a thirteen week Christian based grief recovery program, will begin on Monday evening, **Sept.**

14th at 7 p.m. in the basement at **Knox Church**. All are welcome to attend - check this program out and see if it is for you. Come and bring a friend.

ST. ANDREWS BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY Have you decided who you will invite to church next **Sunday, September 13** for our annual "Back to Church Sunday"? We want to reach out to those people who once came out to church but for one reason or another have become disconnected from their church family. Everyone is invited, and encouraged, to stay and join us for a barbeque following the service.



ST. ANDREWS READERS Please let Rev. Kay or Sherry Johnston know if you are interested in being included on the list of scripture **readers for September 2015 to June 2016**. If you are already a reader and do not want to be on the new list, please notify Sherry.

KNOX GUILD will resume with our annual **September** potluck on **Wednesday, the 16th at 6pm**. Jean will contact those who will be cooking for this supper. New members are always welcome to join our group.



ST. ANDREW'S UCW will resume their fall routine with a meeting on **September 9th at 2:30 pm** followed by a pot luck supper. New members welcome.



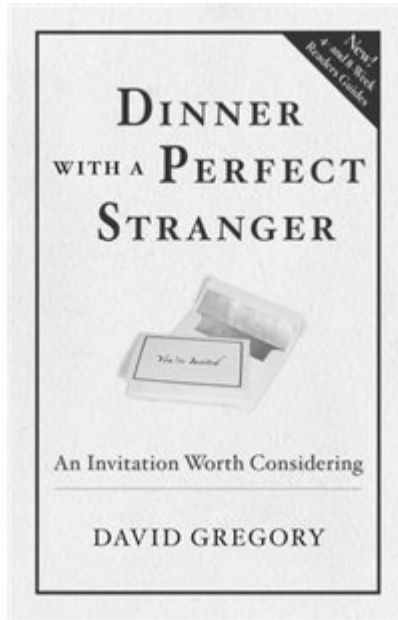
KNOX Y-POG Last year's very successful children's program, offered Sunday mornings during worship here at Knox, will resume on **September 20th**. Join us that Sunday as we kick off another exciting year of learning and fellowship.

ACTON CHURCH **9:30am each Sunday**. Please note services continue each Sunday morning **until October**

11th. A final seasonal closing service will be held on the evening of October 18th.

Book Study

We are considering doing another book study led by Louise Wiggans. The tentative date for this study evening is **Thursday, October 8th at 7pm.**



“Dinner with a Perfect Stranger” by David Gregory is a short book that should spark a lot of lively discussion. Nick is a high powered business man working 70 hour weeks who receives an invitation from a stranger. This stranger knows a great deal about Nick, things he can hardly acknowledge himself. It turns out the stranger is none other than Jesus of Nazareth. This dinner includes discussion of world religions, heaven and hell and how to live one’s life, among other things.

If this intrigues you, please sign up and we will see about ordering individual copies. There are 9 copies in the library system, which you can order in through the Harvey Library.