

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harvey, N.B.

“Reaching up to God, to reach out to the World”

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May 17, 2015

7th Sunday of Easter - Ascension Sunday** Please Stand if you are able***WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD****Prelude****Lighting of the Christ Candle****Welcome and Announcements***** Introit:**

**He is Lord, he is Lord;
 he is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
 Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

*** Call to Worship:**

Christ is alive! He is risen from the dead.

The Holy God calls us to worship and praise.

Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,
we live with Christ in our hearts.

Clap your hands and shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**Sing praises to God who fills the world with
 forgiveness and grace.**

*** Hymn:** Sing praise to God who reigns above #327**Prayer of Approach****Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**God of goodness, you offer light to live by,
 and yet we love the shadows.**

**You extend unconditional love, and yet we reject
 our neighbours.**

**You way leads to life, but our ways are touched with
 sin, and our love and commitment are shallow.**

**Forgive us and recreate us in the image of your loving
 and beloved Son.**

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon**Family Hymn:** Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks #260**Time with the Y-POG****WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD****Prayer of Illumination:** Open our eyes, Lord #445

**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.**

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 (p. 1317)***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 47 - page 5**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.**

Epistle: Ephesians 1: 15-23 (p. 1422)

**The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Luke 24: 44-53 (p. 1276)

The Gospel of our risen Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Basil Lowery

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**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn:** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun #275

***Charge and Benediction**

*** Choral Amen**

*** Song of Dismissal**

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude

WELCOME! We are pleased that you have joined us for worship today. If you are worshipping with us for the first time today, a special welcome is extended to you. Everyone is invited to a time of coffee and fellowship immediately following the worship service. A special welcome is extended to Rev. Basil Lowery for being our guest minister this morning as our regular minister, Rev. Anne Boudreau is on vacation.

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.

PASTORAL CARE: If there is a need for pastoral care, please contact our Clerk of Session, Nancy Patterson at 366-2980 and she will make the necessary arrangements.

SPRING CLEAN UP: The board is seeking some assistance cleaning up the grounds around the church. A team will gather at **6:30 pm, Monday, May 18th** (that's tomorrow) at the church. Many hands make light work!



CHOIR PRACTICE is Tuesday evenings at 7 pm.

SESSION will meet on Wednesday, May 20th at 7 pm.

SUMMER IS COMING and with it, **Vacation Bible School**. If you are able to assist in this vital ministry of the church, either during the week of the event (July 6-10th) or with the preparations leading up to, please speak to either Carol Whittaker (366-2037) or Rev. Anne.

Psalm 47

God Rules the Nations

All of you nations, clap your hands and shout joyful praises to God.

The Lord Most High is fearsome, the ruler of all the earth.

God has put every nation under our power,

and he chose for us the land that was the pride of Jacob, his favorite.

God goes up to his throne, as people shout and trumpets blast.

**Sing praises to God our King, the ruler of all the earth!
Praise God with songs.**

God rules the nations from his sacred throne.

Their leaders come together and are now the people of Abraham's God.

All rulers on earth surrender their weapons, and God is greatly praised

PHOTO DIRECTORIES are now available. If you had your photo take by Universal, please see Nancy Patterson to receive your copy. If you did not participate in the photos, but would like to have a copy of the directory, we have a few copies available for a nominal fee.



Knox's Annual **Auction, Dinner and Yard Sale** will be coming up on July 18th. As you complete your spring cleaning, please set aside any items you could contribute to either the auction or the yard sale.

ACTON: We will soon resume services at the Acton Presbyterian Church for the summer season. Before worship can begin, there are clean up and maintenance concerns at the nearly 150 year old building. If anyone in the congregation would like to be of assistance in these matters, please speak to Rev. Anne and she will ensure you are invited for the annual event.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at Knox during regular worship next Sunday, May 24th. Join us as we celebrate Pentecost and the Holy Spirit as community.

PLEASE NOTE: Rev. Anne has been on vacation but will be returning to the office on May 18th. Should you require Pastoral Care, please contact our Clerk of Session, Nancy Patterson at 366-2980.