~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

TODAY, after worship, we will gather to discuss with Betty Pries of Credence & Co about the buy/lease/partner question. Following lunch we will hear a proposal from the Implementation Team about next steps, in preparation for a congregational meeting/vote on October 4.

Congregational Meeting October 4 after worship: this will be a short (30 mins) meeting to vote on a) the proposal re next steps that you will hear today and b) a transfer from Endowment Fund to operational fund (more details on that to come)

Mission & Outreach: Thank you for your Give to Guelph donations. Your kindness keeps making a meaningful difference in our community. **October 18th Give to Guelph Sunday need is** instant coffee; and, as usual, toilet paper, peanut butter, and skim milk powder.

Knox Lunch Bunch - On Tuesday October 20th, 2026 we will gather at 11:30 am at the Harvest Moon Family Restaurant, 5 Parkside Dr, St. Jacobs, ON. Hopefully, there will be lots of leaf colour to see on your journey. In November we will return to the Souvlaki Flame; and, once again, our Christmas luncheon will be at Montana's, also at 11:30. Please let Sharon and Karl or Deb know if you can so we can confirm our numbers. Friends welcome!

Seniors Connecting Thursday, September 24 - Seniors are welcome to arrive at Knox at 11:30 am for a homemade lunch starting at 12:00 noon with our feature entertainment, Brent Meidinger - Musician, beginning at 1:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Help Us Create a Knox Memory Book: As part of our transition to a new place, we will be creating a Knox Memory Book — a keepsake with photos of the building, the people, and memories of worship, music, traditions, and moments that have been meaningful to our congregation. We are looking for short, meaningful submissions such as: a favourite Bible verse or passage; a favourite hymn or song title, or a short meaningful line; a short prayer; a special memory of Knox; a few words about what Knox has meant to you or your family; a meaningful quote or reflection; a brief message of hope for Knox's future. A few words or a sentence can be just as meaningful as a longer reflection. More info will be in weekly email. Please send your contributions to Kyla at poirierkyla@gmail.com

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026, at 10:30am

Interim Moderator: Rev. Glen Soderholm ~ Interim Minister: Rev. Cathy Stewart
Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. Jennifer Sokolowsky ~ Music Director: Tony Domzella

Order of Worship
***as able please stand**

Prelude (Choral Anthem): "My eyes for beauty pine" R. Bridges/H. Howells

Greeting

Centering Music: "God is here! as we your people meet" v1 799
God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 81)
"I am the Lord your God
Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
And with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."
Come let us worship God together

***Hymn: "We praise you O God" 425**

Prayer of Approach and Assurance of God's promises

Sharing of the Peace
Grace to you and the peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Reading Nancy Stepien
Exodus 16: 1-6
Psalm 105: 1-6 (responsive from Psalter, Refrain I)
Gospel: John 21: 1-6
For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us, **thanks be to God.**

Theme conversation

***Hymn: "We are the church" v1,3,4 475**

Sermon: "Open your mouth wide" Rev. Cathy Stewart

Sung response at close of sermon (BP 617)
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten; Those who seek God shall never be wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten; God alone fills us. (repeated)

Silence

Dedication of Offering

Offertory Response: "Ubi Caritas" 501
Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
(English translation: Where there is charity and love, God is there.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer ("debts," "debtors")

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

Sending Forth and Benediction

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in G major (BuxWV 147) D. Buxtehude

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Anthem text:
My eyes for beauty pine,
My souls for Goddes grace;
No other care nor hope is mine;
To heaven I turn my face.

Once splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.