



Sunday Morning Worship

May 12, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter -- Mothers' Day!

**Our mission: to join God in making connections
with God
with each other
with creation
with our own true selves.**

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and gender identities.



Ministers: Rev. Dr. Greg Glatz and Rev. Dr. Dave Holmes

Music director: Chellan Hoffman

Welcome to Sunday worship at Knox. Grab a coffee and join a conversation before the service, or enjoy some time alone. The prelude will begin about five minutes before worship. At that time, we encourage everyone to take a seat and reflect in silence.

Welcome to Amy Haynes, Knox member and seminary student, who is giving the message today.

Sunday worship is a spiritual practice in which we gather in community to deepen our experience of God connecting people to God, connecting people to each other, connecting people to their own selves, and connecting people to creation.

Welcome children! The Studio in the NW corner of the sanctuary is staffed and set up so that kids can enjoy activities created especially for them as they engage with the worship service.

How to follow along. An asterisk indicates places in our worship where the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or spirit. VU stands for Voices United (the red hymnal) and MV stands for More Voices (the spiral-bound hymnal).

Gathering the beloved community

Prelude L'Arche Hymn: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

(VU 641) - vs 1, 2, 4

— **sung in memory of Jean Vanier (1928-2019)**, an internationally known Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian, and humanitarian, who passed away on May 7. Vanier advocated for people with disabilities and contributed to a broader exploration of helping the weak and vulnerable. In 1964, he founded the community called L'Arche (the Ark), where people with developmental disabilities, normally placed in institutions, lived with their caregivers in a nurturing environment. This international community exists today in over 37 countries. ***“We are not called by God to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love.” - Jean Vanier***

Processional Hymn See the Morning Sun Ascending (VU 406)

Welcome ~

Passing the Peace ~

Listening for the voice of God

Time With The Children

Teaching Psalm 23- We Lambs and our Shepherd

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

Read by Marlene Hielema

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them; nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Today's Message +

Amy Haynes

Responding to God's call

Candle Lighting and Communion +

We light a candle for many purposes: to illuminate darkness, dedicate prayers, solidify intentions, offer blessings, evoke Spirit, or to nourish grateful living. Candle lighting connects us to a stillness within and to a global community contemplating change and transformation in our world.

If you choose, you can also make an offering or fill out a prayer request card. Members of our healing ministry are available for anointing and blessing prayer.

We will also be receiving communion during this time. All are welcome! Come forward down the centre aisle, take a piece of bread (gluten-free is available) and dip it in the cup of juice, and eat right away. After receiving communion, feel free to go to any of the candle tables, present an offering, etc. Then return via the side aisles.

Music for Mother's Day: Ave Maria (Schubert) - Trish Johnson

For the Beauty of the Earth (Rutter) - Knox Choir

Prayers of the People ~

During the prayers of the people, we remember our family, friends, our city, and people around the world. We will close our time of prayer by **singing the Lord's Prayer**, found on the laminated sheets in the pews.

Singing Together* Crown Him with Many Crowns (VU 211)

Blessing* +

Postlude Toccata in Seven (John Rutter)

Thank you for worshipping at Knox today.

Coffee and cookies are served in Knox Hall (the gym) after the service.

Sanctuary Coffee is also open, as we prepare for PAX at noon, and you are more than welcome to support our social enterprise!