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April 16, 2023 – Easter 2

Worship Leader: Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis
Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Knox United Church Choir**
Cantors: Pete Dennis, Elissa Cundy **Reader:** Ann Farebrother

*We extend a warm welcome to our Knox community – to those who are tuning in to the livestream service from home or away, and to those who are gathered in our sanctuary.
You are all an integral part of this community. Thank you for being here.*

We acknowledge that we live, work, play and worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani), the TsuuT'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki, and Wesley), the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

All are welcome in our faith community, regardless of age, colour, ethnic, religious or linguistic background, gender, gender identity, social or economic circumstances, sexual orientation and physical or mental capabilities. Knox has been a proud member of Affirm United since 2007.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE Ode to Joy (Beethoven) / Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke) ELBOW RIVER BELLS*

*please see **Announcements > Music Notes** for more information about our guest musicians.

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” VU 232

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Morning dawns and love awakens. A new day is here.

All: Tender blossoms, long forgotten, open without fear.

One: Blessed and remembered, assured and forgiven.

All: We walk on in peace and beauty. God’s radiance is here.

(Larry Peacock, alt. *Sourcebook of Worship Resources*, 1994)

Let us pray.

We come today with our doubts and our assurances. We come with eyes yearning to see new life. We come hoping that the good news of Easter might be true for us. With every blossom, with every green sprig, with every new day, may our hope grow. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.
And also with you. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG “Celtic Alleluia”**

Celtic Alleluia

Music: Christopher Walker / Fintan O'Carroll

The musical score for 'Celtic Alleluia' is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' written below. The second staff starts with a measure rest of 5, then continues the melody with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The time signature changes to 9/8 and then back to 6/8. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

REFLECTION “Easter Sightings”

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

SPECIAL MUSIC “Amazing Grace”

ELBOW RIVER BELLS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER - sung (*purple music sheets available in pews*)

Cantor: Heavenly Father, All: Heavenly Father,
Cantor: Heavenly Mother, All: Heavenly Mother,
(ALL) Holy and blest is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,

**We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one, let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.
Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one.**

Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days.

**Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come;
Come swiftly, Mother, Father come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy,
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy.
Forever your name is all in one;
Forever your name is all in one.**

A — men, A — men . . .

A — men.

CANDLELIGHTING / OFFERING

You are invited to light a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Candles are lit as a symbol of remembrance, celebration, gratitude, prayer. Please take this opportunity to make an offering online or in person at the candle table. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.

Music: “A Season for Love”

ELBOW RIVER BELLS

***CLOSING HYMN “In the Bulb There is a Flower” VU 703**

***BLESSING**

You are invited to take your prayer ribbon and tie it along the garden fence or along the stair railing as a public prayer for truth and reconciliation.

POSTLUDE “Called to the Light “

ELBOW RIVER BELLS

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Thank you for spending time in community worship at Knox United Church, Calgary.

***May you feel God’s peace, care, energy, and blessing
within you and around you this coming week.***

Please stay for coffee, tea, and conversation!

Thank You to Knox staff & volunteers:

Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)
Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross (caretaker)
Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)
Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator)

Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Notes

Today, we welcome the Elbow River Bells, a “tributary” group that flows out of the Bow River Handbell Musicians Society (BRHMS), led by Founder and Artistic Director Annie Hergott. This Calgary-based group of musicians, directors, performers, and educators aims to advance the education of handbell ringers and the public’s appreciation of handbell arts. Two members from our own Knox ReBell Ringers, Janet Zatka and Wayne Hubbard, also ring in the Elbow River Bells. There is a lovely story behind today’s collaboration. In 2019/2020, before, and during the pandemic, handbell director Annie Hergott was forced to move her bell group out of a church that was not Affirming and specifically not accepting of one of their members. The cases of handbells belonged to the church, so Annie had to leave them behind. She wanted to continue making music with her ringers, and so reached out to Knox to see if she could temporarily borrow our 3-octave set of bells. At that time we were not using them, and were happy for them to be making music again. Today, Annie brings the Elbow River Bells to Knox as a token of thanks for being able to use our bells when the group needed support, and a new ‘affirming’ start. We are delighted that Annie and these talented ringers have offered to share their beautiful music with our Knox Congregation.

Truth and Reconciliation...Living into our Commitments

As part of our continuation of the work of living into truth and reconciliation action, we invite you to take the free Indigenous Canada course through the University of Alberta. This is offered as an on-line 12-lesson course that you do at your own pace. It is taught from an Indigenous perspective and explores complex experiences Indigenous peoples face today from a historical and critical perspective highlighting national and local Indigenous-settler relations. <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html>

Beginning in May, we will offer a weekly zoom gathering to discuss issues raised by the course. Details will be posted on the Knox website, social media and in the bulletin.

Discover Knox

Are you interested in knowing more about Knox? Are you interested in seeing some more of this beautiful building? Join us for a short behind-the-scenes tour of the building and learn more about the Knox community. The last Sunday of each month. The next one will be April 30th. Meet in the front of the sanctuary following the service. All are welcome – newcomers and longtime community members welcome!

First Sunday Potluck

Join us for a wonderful time of food and community! The first Sunday of the month we gather in the gym for a meal together. All are welcome. If you would like to host the May event, please email Sue Forsyth sforsyth@kxcalgary.com. Hosting means arriving about 30 minutes prior to the service and collecting food that people bring, getting out plates, glasses and silverware, and helping clean up after the lunch.

Wednesday Worship

Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 pm, Labyrinth Room

Join us for a time of reflection and conversation. Held in the beautiful Labyrinth Room, framed with music, a reading, and a time for silence and quiet reflection, we will come together to listen, to talk and to be in community together. All are welcome.

Healing Touch

Knox Healing Ministry had been active here for over 20 years but was stopped by the pandemic. Our team offered healing sessions to the congregation and others. We have had more than 10 members at times in the past, but no one is giving treatments now. There has been interest in resurrecting our healing ministry.

What happens during a healing session? In theory, a healing practitioner uses various techniques to clear or otherwise affect the energy field of the recipient. A description which reflects the spiritual experience, voiced many years ago by Gladys Lane, is that it is like

“being inside a prayer”.

In order to begin again, we need to know the answer to these two questions:

- (a) Would you like to receive a healing session?

(b) Would you be interested in attending a weekend course to learn the basics of energetic healing, the point of entry to being a member of our healing team

Please contact Elizabeth Campbell or Ricardo Moraes-Pinto through the office at office@kxcalgary.com.

Signs of Spring:

Good morning Knox friends and family! Spring is here, and the weather is getting better by the day. We would like to extend an invitation to all of you to share with us any signs of spring!

If you have any pictures, videos, or stories to reflect the beauty of this season and how it makes you feel, we invite you to share them with us. You are welcome to leave them in the comments below, email them to communications@kxcalgary.com or drop them off at the church office. They may be used in upcoming social media posts as well.

Aboriginal Friendship Centre

To support the Aboriginal Friendship Centre, we are collecting men's and woman's jackets, boots, and jeans. Blankets and gift cards are also needed. Please leave any donations in the box provided at the back of the Sanctuary or the office.

Donation Opportunity

Reset Addictions Recovery Program is in need of toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and towels for their clients. Gift cards to Shoppers would also be helpful. If you would like to donate to this program, please bring donations to the church office. Rev. Tony Snow will deliver the items to the organization.

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