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April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

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

***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 “Celebration” Ruth Watson Henderson (Canadian)

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

CHOIR INTROIT “Ride on King Jesus” spiritual; arr. Steve Bell / C. Hoffman

**Ride on, King Jesus, No one can a-hinder thee.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, No one can a-hinder thee.**

King Jesus rides to Jerusalem (no one can a-hinder thee)
Hosanna to King David's son (no one can a-hinder thee)
He rides upon a donkey small (no one can a-hinder thee)
The King of peace the Lord of all (no one can a-hinder thee). **Refrain**

The children sing and they dance and shout (no one can a-hinder thee)
If they won't praise the rocks cry out (no one can a-hinder thee)
King Jesus done just what He said (no one can a-hinder thee)
He healed the sick and He raised the dead (no one can a-hinder thee). **Refrain**

The light of God shines on His face (no one can a-hinder thee)
He offers all His pardoning grace (no one can a-hinder thee)
Come join the throng your voices raise (no one can a-hinder thee)
The King of love deserves your praise (no one can a-hinder thee). **Refrain**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory Laud and Honour" VU 122**

**REFRAIN: All glory, laud, and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

1. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one. **REFRAIN**
2. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. **REFRAIN**
3. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **REFRAIN**
4. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king. **REFRAIN**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather together,

All: Waving palms of joy,

One: We gather together

All: waving branches of peace.

One: We gather together, expectant for a parade.

All: We bring our hopes and dreams, expectant for the Messiah.

Let us pray.

God of hosannas and parades, God of humility and courage, we gather together today to join in the expectant joy, in the longing and in the hope for a new way forward. Let us join with others in shouts of hopeful praise and loud hosannas. Let us join with others in courageous acts for peace and justice. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***GATHERING SONG “Open Our Hearts” MV 21**

Open our hearts, open our minds, open our lives to you, O loving God.
Open our hearts, open our minds, open our lives to you, O loving God. Open our hearts.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11

REFLECTION “Living into Courage” Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

HYMN “Be Still and Know” MV 77 (sing 4 times)

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

HOLY COMMUNION (sung Communion Mass by Mark A. Miller)

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your child, Jesus Christ.

We remember that it was around a table that Jesus gathered his disciples during his last week of life. Jesus reminded them of the work that he had done – how he had fed the hungry, included the outcast, challenged the status quo. He reminded them that God’s vision was about forgiveness and loving our neighbours as ourselves – encountering each person as God’s very own.

And, as they sat and ate and remembered, Jesus took the bread that they were eating – and he gave thanks, he broke the bread, gave it to everyone gathered around the Table, and said, “take and eat – this is my body, broken for you. Whenever you eat of this bread, remember me.”

And then he took the wine that they were drinking – and he gave thanks for the wine, gave it to those gathered around the Table and said, “this is my cup – poured out for you - whenever you drink this, remember that you are loved and you are forgiven.”

As we remember and give thanks, we pray we might also join God’s work of reconciliation and forgiveness, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here today, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us signs of God’s love and forgiveness. Transform our lives that we may also be a sign of that love and forgiveness in our homes, in our neighbourhoods, and in the world. Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray...

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.**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The cup of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Holy Communion, Candlelighting and Offering

All are invited to come forward to receive the bread and juice. Bread will be offered and then you are invited to dip the bread into the cup, and receive the elements together. Individual packets of juice and wafer are also available as a gluten-free option.

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: Pange Lingua (Of the Glorious Body Telling)

Gilles Leclerc (Canadian)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

For the bread we have eaten.

For the cup we have shared.

For the prayers we have prayed.

For the strength we have received.

We give thanks.

May we go into the world in the strength of these gifts. Amen.

***HYMN “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” VU 123**

- 1. “Hosanna, loud hosanna!” the happy children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**
- 2. From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd,
The vic-t’ry palm-branch waving and singing clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Content that little children should on his bidding wait.**
- 3. “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer; earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his humble presence eternally rejoice!**

***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 “And I will pour out my Spirit” from *Trinitas* Eleanor Daley (Canadian)

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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)	Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)	Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross (caretakers)	Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operators)	Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operators)	Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar AT A GLANCE

Please see below for a longer description of some of these events.

TODAY 11:45 am	Potluck Sunday	Gymnasium
Wednesday, April 5 @ 12:30 pm	Wednesday Worship	Labyrinth
Thursday, April 6 @ 7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Thursday, April 6 @ 5:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Dinner	Stoney Nakoda
	3:45 pm - Meet at Knox to carpool to Morley	
Friday, April 7 @ 11:00 am	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 9 @ 10:30 am	Easter Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Happenings

Potluck Sunday

Today! Join us in the gym for food and fellowship after the service.

Thanks to Rod, Michael and Ricardo for hosting today's potluck. If you would like to host the next potluck, please contact Sue Forsyth in the church office: sforsyth@kxcalgary.com

Thank you!

We thank the Knox Trustees and the Barr Estate for their support of the Lenten Truth and Reconciliation activities including the presence of Rev. Tony Snow, the purchase of the Treaty 7 Flag and the purchase of the garden banner.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the purchase of the Easter flowers.

Meeting notes

Minutes of the Knox Governing/Commission Council are available in the church office. If you are interested in reading the minutes, please contact Sue Forsyth in the church office. The most recent meeting was held on March 28, 2023.

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.

Holy Week

40 Days of Truth and Reconciliation: living into our commitments During the 40 days of Lent (starting February 22), we will focus on our commitment to the ongoing work of truth and reconciliation and right relations.

Maundy Thursday

Dinner at Stoney Nakoda (Mni Thni)

Thursday, April 6

3:45 pm - Meet at Knox to carpool to Morley

5:00 - 7:00 pm Morley Gym

We are invited to join our Iyarhe Nakoda relations in this observance and expression of faith on our journey toward reconciliation. All are invited to join in the observance and feast. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Good Friday

Friday, April 7, 11:00 am Knox Sanctuary

Experience and mark Good Friday with a service of word and music. We will listen to the story of Jesus' last days read aloud, have time for quiet reflection and experience beautiful special music from our music department.

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.

Community News

Knox United and the Calgary Alliance

I received a letter from Ryan Anderson, Lead Organizer for the Calgary Alliance, who is returning to work after sick leave. It is good news for all of us to have Ryan back. The first point he made in his letter was that we need to look at the health of our member groups and see that the core organizing structures needed for community action are in place (at Knox). These structures include:

- an active delegate
- a core team
- a communications contact person.

As it stands, I have been acting as the communications contact person. That is about all I can do. The next priority for us is to have a Core Team, a group of people who can listen to the concerns of the congregation around programs, events, and volunteer recruitment within Knox and without - with downtown Calgary and the Alliance. Ideally, this team would consist of three to five people, who have an interest in the work of the Alliance.

We have in front of us a new and exciting campaign with the Alliance, Barrier Free Alberta, and the Alberta Ability Network. This will be primarily a provincial campaign, in which we would lobby the government of Alberta to enact accessibility legislation. This legislation would put Alberta in line with the rest of Canada in providing an equitable society.

If you are interested in this Campaign, if you would like to be part of a Core Team at Knox, or if you have questions, please contact me at susanwood125@outlook.com anytime. My phone number is also available by contacting Sue at the church office. After Easter, we can hopefully have an organizing meeting to exchange ideas and share interests.

Susan Wood

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