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April 23, 2023 – Easter 3

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Tremblay
Music Director: Chellan Hoffman
Choirs of Knox United and Knox Presbyterian
Director: Paul Grindlay **Pianist:** Jerry Proppe
Reader: Dennis Ruf

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 see the **Announcements section** for the welcome and introduction of our guest minister, director, and pianist this morning.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” VU 226**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Morning has broken!

ALL: We gather to greet the new day by praising God.

One: God created us for relationship with God, one another, and the earth.

ALL: Let us honour those relationships today and every day.

One: We seek to care for our brothers and sisters around the world.

All: Let us honour those relationships today and every day.

One: May we commit to new ways of honoring your Creation.

All: And let us seek God’s grace, justice and mercy for all. Amen.

(adapted from worshipwords.co.uk)

Let us pray.

Earth-maker, hope holder, we gather today on this land you have created. We gather today with one another, your beloved people. We gather today to sing and to reflect, to pray and to reground ourselves in your love. Open us to the sacredness of your creation that we might join in the care of the earth and one another. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Celtic Alleluia

Music: Christopher Walker / Fintan O'Carroll

The musical score for 'Celtic Alleluia' is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature and contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia!' and 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff starts with a measure rest of 5, then continues the melody with a 9/8 time signature for the third phrase 'Al - le - lu - ia!' and returns to 6/8 for the final phrase 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

***HYMN “God of the Sparrow” VU 229**

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 24:13-35**

REFLECTION **“Flutters of the Heart”** **Rev. Mark Tremblay**

***HYMN** **“O Earth, We Hear Your Cries of Pain”**

(Words: Jann Aldredge-Clanton, 2012; Tune: How Can I Keep from Singing?)

- 1. O Earth, we hear your cries of pain, your cries of desolation;
We join to heal your many wounds, to bring your restoration.
Polluted air and poisoned seas endanger all the living;
If greedy hands use up your wealth, you cannot keep on giving.**

- 2. O Earth, we hear you calling us to work for conservation,
To nurture life in every form, to care for all creation.
By cleaning water, air, and land, we join to work for healing;
Each day you bring new life to birth, your beauty still revealing.**

- 3. We thank you, Earth, for all your gifts that show your grace and power,
Your fragrant fruit, your ripened grain, your golden trees and flowers.
We join to save your lovely life, to work for transformation,
To change destructive systems now, to start a reformation.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER – spoken together (from the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

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 by the choirs of Knox Presbyterian and Knox United:

For the Beauty of the Earth music: John Rutter

***CLOSING HYMN “Called by Earth and Sky” MV 135**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

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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

WELCOME!

Guest Minister, Rev. Mark Tremblay

Mark is a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He is the former minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary. He has also ministered to churches in Toronto, Bermuda and Kingston. He likes music, philosophy and walks with his wife Liz and their two dogs Raven and Calliope.

Guest Pianist, Jerry Proppe. Jerry has over 3 decades of musical experience as a solo artist, musical director, recording artist and record producer. He is a dynamic improviser, comfortable with all styles of music from baroque and classical, to gospel, pop, boogie woogie, and jazz. He loves to entertain and you can catch him performing in a variety of venues around Calgary including Alvin's Jazz Club, the Palliser Hotel lounge, and Seniors' Residences. You may also see Jerry around Knox during the week, since he is the official piano tuner for Knox United! We are fortunate to have these professional connections with him. Thanks for all you do! You can find out more about Jerry's projects and performances by following him on social media, or visiting his website: jerryproppe.com

Guest Director, Paul Grindlay. Paul has sung as a chorister and soloist with such notable ensembles as The Carmel Bach Festival Chorale, Vancouver Chamber Choir, musica intima, Chor Leoni, Tafelmusik Chamber Choir, Toronto Consort, American Bach Soloists, Phoenix Chamber Choir, Vancouver Cantata Singers, VoiceScapes, Luminous Voices and Pro Coro Canada. On the podium, Paul was the Artistic Director of the Calgary Boys' Choir for thirteen seasons, the Airdrie Community Choir for five seasons, and SuperSonic Men's Choir for three seasons. He works regularly as a choral clinician for many of Calgary's community choirs and high school music programs, and has been the choir director at Knox Presbyterian Church since 2009. His solo vocal career has taken him to Austria, Japan, England, USA and across Canada to perform with opera companies, orchestras and choirs. Highlights include contracts with Vienna Chamber Opera, Pacific Opera Victoria, Opera Atelier, Victoria Symphony, Early Music Vancouver and Studio de Musique Ancienne de Montreal. He has recorded CDs of music for NAXOS Records, Marquis and Toccata Classics. Paul has taught voice lessons and coached choirs through Mount Royal Conservatory of Music, at Rocky Mountain College, and privately since 2000.

Paul holds a B.Sc. in zoology and a B.Mus. in voice performance and opera, both from the University of British Columbia. He is in great demand as a performer, voice teacher, conductor, clinician and adjudicator. When not singing, conducting or working as a fly fishing guide, you would most likely find him with his family and friends, hiking, biking, cross country skiing, cooking or writing poetry.

Knox Presbyterian Choir and the Music Ministry at Knox Presbyterian Church.

Knox Presbyterian Church takes pride in its dynamic music ministry. Music adds extra depth to worship, enabling us to raise our hearts when words fail. Knox's tradition of musical excellence has maintained a well-trained and highly-motivated choir, which includes professional choral scholar members. Under the direction of Paul Grindlay, the choir sings service music on most Sunday mornings from September to June, aspiring to engage the congregation fully with a wide variety of musical styles. From time to time we give the choir a break to present more contemporary praise and devotional music with guitar, piano, percussion and individual singers.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Wednesday, April 26 @ 12:30 pm	Wednesday Worship	Labyrinth
Wednesday, May 8, @ 7:00 pm	Living into our Commitments	On Zoom

Worship at Knox

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.

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 May 8, we will offer a weekly zoom gathering to discuss issues raised by the course. Conversations will take place weekly from 7 pm - 8 pm. You do not need to attend every session. If you would like to receive the zoom link, email strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com.

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