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April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

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

*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

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing
Easter Fanfare for Handbells and Organ w/ Knox Rebell Ringers
We Know that Christ is Raised

arr. Healey Willan
Music: Chellan Hoffman
arr. Aaron David Miller

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

*HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” VU 157

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er! Alleluia! Lo, he dwells in death no more! Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King: Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save: Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given! Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

One: Easter is hope washing over despair.

All: Easter is joy brimming over.

One: This is a day of celebration and thanksgiving!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us pray.

God of new days and new beginnings, God of hope and alleluias, we give thanks for this day of celebration. Let us sing joy, let us shout praises, let us dare to live into hope. 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

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

HYMN

This is the Day

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Words and music: Bruce Harding, 2003

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "This is the day that God has made; we will re-joice and be glad! Sing-ing hal - le - lu, (oh) sing - ing hal - le - lu, sing-ing hal - le - lu! We will re - joice and be glad! Sing-ing hal - le - lu, (oh) sing-ing hal - le - lu, sing-ing hal - le - lu! We will re-joice and be glad!" The score includes measure numbers 5, 9, 15, and 19. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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SECOND READING

Luke 24:1-12

REFLECTION

“An Idle Tale?”

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

CHOIR ANTHEM “Christ has Risen while Earth Slumbers” by John Bell & Graham Maule

*Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumour. Christ is risen, God is here!*

*Christ has risen for the people whom he loved and died to save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave*

*Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation is not silenced by the tomb.*

*Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night,
Sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer, they expect no hopeful sign,
till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.*

*Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present making us what he has been –
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.*

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A TIME OF PRAYER

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: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Knox ReBell Ringers

J.S. Bach, arr. C.Hoffman

***HYMN "That Eastertide With Joy and Bright"**

1. That Eastertide with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light, *Alleluia! (2x)*
When, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord. *Alleluia! (5x)*
2. He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide; *Alleluia (2x)*
The tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was ris'n again. *Alleluia! (5x)*
3. Jesus, the King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess, *Alleluia! (2x)*
That we may give thee all our days the tribute of our grateful praise. *Alleluia! (5x)*

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE Thine is the Glory (from *Judas Maccabeus*) by Handel; arr. Aaron David Miller

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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 our musicians:

Knox ReBell Ringers: Kat Hammer, Pat Place, David Westwick, Janet Zatka

Knox Choir: Elissa Cundy, Chuck Curry, Pete Dennis, Ann Farebrother, Gillian Forster, William Gaskarth, John Hall, Ian Kennedy, Ruth Lomenda, Steve Miller, Ricardo Moraes-Pinto, Pat Place, Pam Ruud, Jim Smith, Agatha Thomas, John Thomas, David Westwick

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Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
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Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you!

A big thank you to all who donated towards the flowers for the cross and sanctuary.

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

There is no Wednesday service this week. We look forward to seeing you on April 19th at 12:30 in the Labyrinth Room.

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 post them on our social media (twitter, Instagram, Facebook), email them to communications@kxcalgary.com or drop them off at the church office.

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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