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**February 12, 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

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**Worship Leader:** The Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis  
**Music Director:** Chellan Hoffman    **Knox United Church Choir**  
**Cantors:** Pete Dennis, Karen Harrison    **Reader:** Holly Smith

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*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    “Adoration”**    Florence Price♥ (African American composer)  
David Westwick, mandolin

♥please see Announcement page for MUSIC NOTES: Black History Month

## **WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**\*HYMN “Body, Mind, and Spirit” MV 153**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The body of Christ is gathered together.

**All: Here we are in mind, body and spirit.**

One: Here we are in the bodies God has given to us.

**All: Let us rejoice with thanksgiving!**

Let us pray.

**God of all bodies, we come just as we are this morning – in bodies that have carried us, in bodies that have been challenged and worn, in bodies that have been stretched and weathered. We give thanks for the skin that we inhabit. We give thanks for how we move in the world as your hands and feet. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

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

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OF KNOX GOVERNING BOARD**

**Knox Governing Board 2023**

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**One:** We give thanks for offering your gifts of leadership. We give thanks that you have stepped up at this time to help lead Knox into the next season. And, so, I ask you this: Will you serve with an open heart, with the mission and vision of Knox United in front of you and the people of this congregation and the downtown community in mind?

**Leaders: We will, with God’s help.**

**One:** Will you lead, open to the Spirit’s guidance, trusting that God is present in all that we do?

**Leaders: We will, with God’s help.**

**One:** Knox Congregation, will you support these people with your prayers, your support and your encouragement?

**Congregation: We will! We give thanks for your willingness to step into these roles of leadership. We give thanks that you offer your gifts of wisdom and time, patience and vision. We will surround you with our prayers, our support and encouragement.**

Let us pray.

**HYMN “Christ Has No Body Here but Ours” MV 171**

**SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-14**

**REFLECTION “An Altar in the World: The Practice of Wearing Skin”**

**Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis**

*This sermon series is based on the book “An Altar in the World” by Barbara Brown Taylor*

**HYMN “I Am a Child of God” MV 157**

**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 quickly, Mother, Father, come;  
Come quickly, 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:** *Blackbird* ♥ **music & lyrics:** *McCartney & Lennon*      *David Westwick, mandolin*

**\*CLOSING HYMN “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name” (Enviado soy de Dios) MV 212**

**\*BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Adolphus Hailstork♥ (African American composer)

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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!***

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### **Thank You to Knox staff & volunteers:**

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

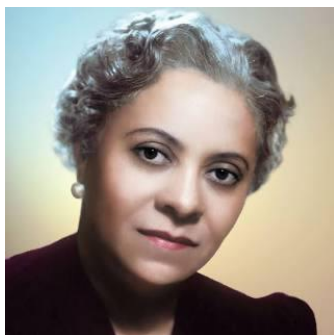
Chellan Hoffman (director of music)  
Gerald Love (greeter & usher)  
Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)  
Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)  
Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

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## MUSIC NOTES: ♥February is Black History Month

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in North America, in Canada, and in their communities. The 2023 theme for Black History Month is: “Ours to tell”. Through music in our worship services at Knox, we celebrate and learn about African American and African Canadian musicians and artists, and the stories behind the music.



♥ **PRELUDE:** “Adoration” is composed by **Florence Price (1887-1953)**. She was an American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Price was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. Price composed over 300 works: four symphonies, four concertos, as well as choral works, art songs, chamber music and music for solo instruments. In 2009, a substantial collection of her works and papers was found in her abandoned summer home.

### ♥ MUSIC DURING CANDLELIGHTING:

Paul McCartney wrote “**Blackbird**” in reaction to news about the civil rights strife that was happening in the American South during the 60s, and in particular about the Little Rock Nine: 9 Black Students who enrolled in the formerly all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, following the Supreme Court decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education* that deemed school segregation to be unconstitutional.

♥ **POSTLUDE:** this is an exciting arrangement by eminent American composer **Adolphus Hailstork (b.1941)** of the spiritual “Every Time I Feel the Spirit.” Dr. Hailstork grew up in Albany, NY and received his doctorate in composition from Michigan State University. He had previously studied at the Manhattan School of Music, the American Institute at Fontainebleau with Nadia Boulanger, and at Howard University. Dr. Hailstork has written numerous works for chorus, solo voice, piano, organ, various chamber ensembles, band, orchestra, and opera. . Hailstork’s newest works include “The World Called” (based on Rita Dove’s poem *Testimonial*), a work for soprano, chorus and orchestra commissioned by the Oratorio Society of Virginia (premiered in 2018) and “Still Holding On” (2019) an orchestra work commissioned and premiered by the Los Angeles Philharmonic.



Dr. Hailstork is currently working on his Fourth Symphony, and “A Knee on the Neck” (a tribute to George Floyd) for chorus and orchestra. Dr. Hailstork is Professor of Music and Eminent Scholar at Old Dominion University in Norfolk.

[www.adolphushailstork.com](http://www.adolphushailstork.com)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

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

Sunday, February 12 @ 11:45	MISSION and VISION DISCUSSION	Labyrinth Room
Thursday, February 16 @ 7:30 pm	CHOIR REHEARSAL	Choir Room
Saturday, February 18 @ 2:00 pm	ELAINE STEWART MEMORIAL	Sanctuary
Wednesday, February 22 @ 12:30	WEDNESDAY WORSHIP	Labyrinth Room
Wednesday, February 22 @ 5:45pm	ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
<i>*with Rev. Sheena &amp; Rev. Tony Snow</i>		
Sunday, February 26 @ 11:45 pm	AGM - KNOX CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 4 @ 1:00 pm	BLANKET EXERCISE	Sanctuary

### **In Loving Memory**

**Elaine Stewart** long-time Knox member, Knox Foundation Director, and friend to many of us, passed away on January 19, 2023. Elaine's memorial will be held at Knox on February 18 @ 2:00 pm. All are welcome to pay their respects and share their stories and memories of Elaine.

### **Knox Governance**

**KNOX ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (AGM)** - Sunday, February 26 following worship. We will meet in the gym for a light lunch (donation basket) to:

- Adopt the 2022 Annual Report,
- Receive the unaudited 2022 Financial Statements,
- Adopt the 2023 Budget,
- Elect Governance Leaders,
- Consider the "Knox Mission, Vision & Values" and Knox Trustees Model Deed proposals and any other upcoming agenda items.

The meeting will be chaired by the Rev. Tom Melvin, Knox Commission. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this very important session in our Governance calendar.

### **MISSION AND VISION - Statements of Values & Initiatives – Final Consultations**

The Congregation will be asked to vote to approve new statement of values and 2021-2023 initiatives on February 26<sup>th</sup>. After the service today, you are asked to attend the **FINAL** Consultation meeting ahead of the vote at the end of the month. Bring your coffee and join us in the Labyrinth.

The final draft of the proposed Statement of Values & Initiatives is:

**Draft Knox United Church Calgary Values and Initiatives**  
**January 11, 2023**

**Values**

- As part of the United Church of Canada in a largely secular society, we recognize the need to respond to the spiritual hunger of our time. Our understanding of God is rooted in the Bible and the evolution of Christian theology, but we recognize and value the opportunity to improve our understanding through new language and ideas from other theological traditions.
- We are an Affirming Church. We believe that all people are created in the image of God. We welcome the ministry and participation of all persons regardless of age, gender identity, health, race, sexual orientation, differing abilities, religious or ethnic background or economic circumstance.
- Knox is a place and a community to learn and practice skills to serve others – to be the hands and feet of Christ.
- As a church, we are complicit in injustice and yet we are still called to witness the love and justice of the liberating, healing Christ. We strive towards right relations.
- We value music as the language of the soul. It inspires, enlivens and calms us.
- Our historic church building will be a safe place all people can enter to calm their spirits, rediscover hope and inspiration, and be welcomed and affirmed as they are.
- We want to offer our resources to our community. This includes promoting and supporting the work of others for a particular cause with skills, passion and resources that exceed ours.

**Initiatives for 2023-2025**

- We will rebuild our presence as a church in downtown Calgary by opening the sanctuary and labyrinth during business hours as a refuge from the world outside. We will train volunteer hosts in hospitality, personal safety, emergency mental health, and our values.
- We will build our capacity for lay leadership to increase worship opportunities, e.g. Wednesday worship (planning, music, praying, speaking, facilitating)
- We will rebuild pastoral care for our community. We will create new opportunities and new ways to meet, build relationships, and stay in touch.
- We will improve our internet-based engagement with our community and the public within and beyond Calgary. Social media and [www.kxcalgary.com](http://www.kxcalgary.com) can offer a wealth of information about our church and its activities and can provide many opportunities to connect.
- We will participate with the **United Church of Canada**, the **Calgary Alliance for the Common Good** and others on the road to reconciliation with our indigenous neighbours. We will listen and learn about their stories, perspectives and needs.
- We will seek out partners who share our values to serve downtown Calgary.

## Suggestion for a catchphrase

### ***Making Sacred Connections***

*through hospitality*

*through right relations*

*through music*

*through partnerships*

*through exploring faith*

## **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.

### **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.

#### **Ash Wednesday**

##### **Wednesday, February 22**

##### **12:30 pm - Knox United, Labyrinth Room**

Enter into Lent with contemplation, conversation and music and the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes.

##### **5:45 pm - Knox United, Sanctuary**

Rev. Tony Snow (Chinook Winds Region Indigenous Minister) and Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis will lead a service inviting us into a time of Truth and Reconciliation. Imposition of ashes and smudging will be included.

#### **Blanket Exercise**

##### **Saturday, March 4**

##### **1:00 - 3:00 pm - Knox United, Sanctuary**

The Blanket Exercise is a faith-based cultural awareness tool that presents information about the Residential School Experience in Canada and its impacts on Indigenous communities. This Regional Blanket Exercise is focused on Treaty 7 history and experiences. Rev. Tony Snow will lead this exercise. All are invited.



### **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.

## **Community News**

Please mark your diaries for **Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon!** That's when Knox is hosting the Martin Orchestra & Chorale for an hour-long concert of uplifting and inspiring music. Admission is free, but a donation is requested. The Martin Orchestra & Chorale hail from Texas and are performing at Knox as part of the Mountain Spring Festival, also supported by MCM Arts and Arts Canada. It is set to be a fun and joyful mid-week event. We hope you can join us.

As we begin Black History Month, we are pleased to share a link to a family Black Heritage event organized by **Realise your Potential Youth Society of Alberta (RYP)**. RYP is a black-founded and black-led, privately funded, registered non-profit organisation, who list the Calgary Foundation among their partners. The day is a celebration of the black diaspora and will highlight the talents and businesses of our local Black community. This is a paid event and is a major fund-raiser for this charity. The link is here: <https://rypcanada.com/black-heritage-family-day/>

We are collecting warm winter clothes to be taken to the Aboriginal Friendship Centre later in February. Please leave any donations in the office.

The Calgary Interfaith Council is celebrating World International Interfaith Harmony Week, which started on February 1<sup>st</sup>, with events throughout the next several days. You are invited to attend:

- **CIC Interfaith Discovery: From Strangers to Neighbours** - Virtual Event from 4pm – 5:15pm, this evening (Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>). You can register here: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqf-iuqz0jGNDqhv0yrQ2flzD\\_NXXnDvx-](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqf-iuqz0jGNDqhv0yrQ2flzD_NXXnDvx-)
- **Interfaith Habitat for Humanity Build** – Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, commencing 8:30 am. Details will be provided, please contact the office for further information
- **UNWIHW Closing Ceremony** – Virtual Event from 7pm on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>. You can register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vcOCgpzkjHtDvI9MT7NyH8JcEFXeyANNu>

## **MISKANAWAH'S ANNUAL ROUND DANCE TRADITION - Saturday, February 25, 2023**

For the past **16 years**, Miskanawah has hosted an annual Round Dance and it has since become the largest Round Dance in Southern Alberta! A Round Dance is an Indigenous social gathering that extends a welcoming invitation to everyone in a celebration of friendship, diversity, and inclusivity. Traditionally held during the colder months, this event encourages both our Indigenous and non-Indigenous relatives within Treaty 7 territory and beyond to learn, connect, and engage with Elders, traditional Knowledge Keepers, and community members in an evening of singing, drumming, and dancing.

Join us in-person for our **17th Annual Friendship Round Dance!**

Saturday, February 25, 2023 | 5:00-10:00 PM

Genesis Centre: 7555 Falconridge Blvd NE #10, Calgary, AB

Emcee: Hal Eagletail, Tsuu T'ina & Daniel "Moss" Wildman

Stickman: Lyle Tootoosis, Poundmaker, SK & Albert Goulet, Calgary, AB

Singing & Drumming: TBA

Special Pre-recorded Guest: War Paint Lead Singer, Kaya Littleturtle, North Carolina, USA

## **HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS**

**We are accepting donations to help people impacted by the earthquake in Türkiye (Turkey) and Northern Syria.**

**Further details will be available once partners have finished assessing how they can best respond.**

When emergencies strike, people need help right away. First with the basics—shelter, food, clothing—and then with rebuilding. United Church partners and ecumenical relationships in over 120 countries are on the ground and able to assess what's needed. Partners respond to those in need, and the United Church can help support their efforts. Time and time again, the people of the United Church give generously to support those affected by emergencies.

With alarming frequency and increasing duration, people around the world are facing a variety of disasters. From climate change and climate-related emergencies to health crises, from violent conflicts that forcibly displace thousands to food insecurity and loss of livelihood, catastrophes affect millions every day. The United Church is part of a worldwide network that can make a difference in the lives of those most at risk.

Please make a donation to support our worldwide network of Mission & Service partners and their critical and lifesaving work. Global partners are among the first to respond in the hardest-hit communities, supporting them through crisis response and rebuilding. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of those most at risk by providing food, essential items such as those needed to protect against COVID-19, safe drinking water, and shelter. Further, your gift will help partners restore livelihoods and offer comfort when emergencies occur.

**Donations can be made at:**

**<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/global-emergency-response>**