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January 15, 2023

Worship Leader: The Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis
Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Knox Choir**
Cantors: Karen Harrison; Pete Dennis **Reader:** Roman Sizer

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 What a Wonderful World

Words & music by George Weiss and Bob Thiele

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Here, we gather together once again.

All: Here, we come expecting to find the sacred.

One: The sacred meets us

All: In people, in conversations, in nature, in the world

One: Here, we come expecting to find the sacred.

All: Here, we find God is already with us.

***HYMN “This is God’s Wondrous World” VU 296**

OPENING PRAYER

We give thanks for this wondrous world – for the people, the animals, the mountains, the deserts, the prairies, the oceans. We give thanks as we stop and take notice – from the microscopic organisms to the galaxies beyond our comprehension. Altars are all around us – altars that speak of Your presence with us. We give thanks. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-17

REFLECTION “An Altar in the World: Waking Up to God” Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

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

HYMN “In the Quiet Curve of Evening” VU 278 (see insert for new melody)

words: Julie Howard / music: C. Hoffman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER *(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.
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Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one.
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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: Today I Awake Words and music: Graham Maule/John Bell

*Today I awake and God is before me. At night, as I dreamt, God summoned the day;
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning with slithers of gold or glory in grey.*

*Today I arise and Christ is beside me. He walked through the dark to scatter new light,
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people to hope and to heal, resist and invite.*

*Today I affirm the Spirit within me at worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.*

***CLOSING HYMN “God of the Sparrow” VU 229**

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE Hymn to Joy arr. Wayne Wold

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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:

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| Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister) | Chellan Hoffman (director of music) |
| Sue Forsyth (office administrator) | Gerald Love (greeter & usher) |
| Jampa Tseten, Stephen Wallace (caretaker) | Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation) |
| Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator) | Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew) |
| Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator) | Roman Sizer (social media; IT support) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR

Please see below for a longer description of each event

Wednesday January 18, @ 12:30 – Labyrinth, In the Bleak Mid Winter – a series of thoughtful gatherings

Thursday January 19 @ 7:30 pm – Choir Room, Choir Rehearsal

Worship at Knox

In the Bleak Mid Winter – a series of thoughtful gatherings

Beginning January 18th, 12:30-1:30 pm, Labyrinth Room

What happens after the Christmas left-overs are finished, the kids have returned to school and the family has gone home? How do we carry hope, peace, joy and love with us through the long, cold winter days? 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.

Week 1 (January 18th): **In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Hope after Christmas**

Week 2 (January 25th): **In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Peace after Christmas**

Week 3 (February 1st): **In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Love after Christmas**

Week 4 (February 8th): **In the Bleak Mid-Winter? Joy after Christmas**

40 Days of Reconciliation - During the 40 days of Lent (starting February 22), we will focus on our commitment to the ongoing work of reconciliation and right relations. Events are being planned. If you would like to be a part of planning this meaningful time, please contact Sheena at sheena.trotterdennis@kxcalgary.com.

Volunteers Needed

Scripture Readers: If you would like to be one of our Sunday scripture readers, please go to the Knox website and sign up for the Sunday of your choosing.

The Wider Community

One of the initiatives proposed for 2023-25 is to 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. The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good's **Reconciliation Research Action Team** met on January 10th. If you are interested in supporting this initiative at Knox or to learn more, contact Susan Wood at 403-547-7657 or by email at susanwood125@outlook.com.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE: St. Laurence Anglican Church in Lakeview (5940 Lakeview Dr SW) is offering the second in a series of three evening Taizé prayer services on **Sunday, January 22nd at 7:30 PM**.

Please join us for this evening of prayer, contemplation, and communal singing of the beautiful songs/chants from the Taizé Community. All are welcome! And bring any friends you think might be interested.

If you are interested in being part of the 'choir,' please join us at **St. Laurence Anglican** in a rehearsal to familiarize yourself with the chants on Saturday, January 21st at 1:30 pm. All voice parts and abilities welcome! (Questions can be sent to donna.ruparell@gmail.com)

DID YOU KNOW ...

PARKING AT BARCLAY CENTRE

Barclay Centre graciously has extended our parking privileged for another year.

The cost is now \$1.05 but sometimes someone has received a parking ticket because the stall number on the receipt did not match the stall where they parked.

Please check to make sure that they match because sometimes the first number entered does not register. If they don't match, pay for the parking again. This will be cheaper than a \$50.00 ticket!