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

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.

**This notes a place in the service where you are invited to stand if it is comfortable*

PRELUDE A Joyful Alleluia Franklin Ashdown

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN** “Let Us Build a House” **MV 1**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God welcomes all with outstretched arms.

All: We are invited to offer hospitality to others.

One: God welcomes the stranger, the outcast, the marginalized.

All: We are invited to see the other as sacred.

One: Help us welcome as we have been welcomed.

All: Help us see God in each face, the sacred in one another.

Let us pray.

Gather us in your loving care this morning. Gather us in no matter where we come from or where we've been. Gather us in - the lost, the wandering, the doubters, the seekers. Gather us in your loving hospitality. We come open to your embrace. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***GATHERING SONG "Open Our Hearts" MV 21**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-45

HYMN "We Are Pilgrims on a Journey" MV 595 (verses 1, 2, 3, 4 only)

REFLECTION "An Altar in the World: The Practice of Encountering Others"

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

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

CHOIR ANTHEM "Welcome" music and lyrics: Mark A. Miller & Laurie Zelman

*Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,*

***(refrain)** singing welcome, welcome to this place,
you're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share
'Cause all of us are welcome here, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray, **(refrain)***

*Let's dream together of the day when earth and heav'n are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice, **(refrain)***

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: The Prayer

Composed by David Foster, Carole Bayer Sager, Alberto Testa, Tony Renis; piano arr. Dan Coates

*** HYMN “Living Christ Bring Us Love” VU 599**

*** BLESSING**

POSTLUDE “Turn the World Around” music & words: Harry Belafonte & Robert Freedman

- We invite you to sing along with the choir. The lyrics are on the following page.

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“Turn the World Around”

We come from the **FIRE**, living in the fire. Go back to the fire, turn the world around.
(sing 2X)

We_ come_ from_ the_ FIRE, Go back to the fire, turn the world around.
(sing 1X)

We come from the **FIRE**, living in the fire. Go back to the fire, turn the world around.
(sing 2X)

We come from the **WATER**, living in the water. Go back to the water, turn the world around.
(sing 3X)

We come from the **MOUNTAIN**, living in the mountain. Go back to the mountain,
Turn the world around. (sing 2X)

Whoa__ ho! So_ is_ life.
Ah__ ha! So_ is_ life.

Do you know who I am? Do I know who you are?
See we one another clearly? Do we know who we are?

(sing this part quickly!)

Do you know who I am? Do I know who you are?
See we one another clearly? Do we know who we are?
(sing 2X)

Whoa__ ho! So_ is_ life.
Wah__ ha! So_ is_ life.
(sing 2X)

WATER make the **RIVER**, **RIVER** wash the **MOUNTAIN**.
FIRE make the **SUNLIGHT**, turn the world around.

HEART is of the **RIVER**, **BODY** is the **MOUNTAIN**.
SPIRIT is the **SUNLIGHT**; turn the world around.

We are of the **SPIRIT**, truly of the spirit,
Only can the spirit turn the world around.

Whoa__ ho! So_ is_ life (a ba tee).
Wah__ ha! So_ is_ life.
(sing 4X)

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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)
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Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator)	Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Loving Memory

Elaine Stewart long time Knox member, Knox Foundation Director and friend to many of us passed away on January 19. Elaine's memorial will be held at Knox in February. All are welcome to pay their respects and share their stories and memories of Elaine. We will have further information as the date comes closer.

Gordon Swann, faithful member to Knox passed away on January 5, just a few weeks shy of his 100th birthday. He was able to return home from residential care before his passing. He is survived by his wife of over 70 years, Margaret, and their three daughters, who are with their mother at this time. A moving obituary was published in the Calgary Herald on January 12th and can be found here: <https://calgaryherald.remembering.ca/obituary/gordon-swann-1086968133>

CALENDAR

Please see below for a longer description of each event

Sunday, January 29, @ 11:45 - Library, Finance and Stewardship Working Group
Wednesday, February 1, @ 12:30, Labyrinth, In the Bleak Mid-Winter, a series of thoughtful gatherings
Thursday, February 2 @ 7:30 pm, Choir Room, Choir Rehearsal
Sunday February 12, @ 11:45, Library, Mission and Vision Discussion
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Sunday, February 26 - @ 11:45 , Sanctuary, Knox Congregational Meeting

Worship at Knox

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP - 2023 Knox Budget Planning - 11:45 Sunday, January 29th -- You are invited to join the "**Finance & Stewardship Budget 2023 Conversation.**" *Pick up a coffee and meet in the library following worship. The Budget will then go to Knox Commission for approval and recommendation to the Knox Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 26th. Your input is important- come and join the discussion. For more information, contact Acting Chair Rev. Bob Mutlow at rwmutlow@outlook.com.*

In the Bleak Mid Winter – a series of thoughtful gatherings

Wednesdays - 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.

40 Days of Truth and Reconciliation - 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. 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.

Mission and Vision - The Congregation will be asked to vote to adopt statements of values and initiatives for Knox on February 26th. These statements represent each of us, as members of Knox. They tell the world and us as a community what we value and how we want to live into the future of Knox, making sacred connections. Please join us at 11:45 after the service on February 12th to discuss the proposals and have your say.

One of our initiatives for 2023-2025 will be to improve our internet-based engagement with our community and the public, within and beyond Calgary. Although implemented in the response to the pain and disruption of the pandemic, streaming our worship services on YouTube offers us a new level of community and of outreach unimagined by past generations. If you are one of the many members of our community who won't be attending in-person worship on February 12, contact Doug Chandler (dchandler1@shaw.ca) or Karen Harrison (nuzashto@yahoo.co.uk) for a copy of the latest draft, to ask questions, or to share your thoughts.

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.

Concert Hosts: Our concerts have started up again and we are in need of concert hosts. Please go to the Knox website to sign up to represent Knox.

The Greater Community

Unite Against Hate. Faithfully responding to anti-2SLGBTQ+ actions. February 15 @ 6 pm. This is an online event. <https://catalog.churchx.ca/product?catalog=UILX1151>

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