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March 12, 2023 – Third Sunday of Lent

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

***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.

Affirming statement...

As Christians we believe that Jesus summoned all people into loving, accepting community as children of God. We believe that all are called by God to use their skills and talents and to share the love, laughter and challenges of those who walk the path of Christ in the world. Knox United Church fully supports the United Church of Canada in its ongoing efforts to include those marginalized in our society and world. We admire the efforts of those who led the way in establishing an ever more inclusive church.

This is my commandment to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

We salute the progress made in recognizing the rights of women and in correcting wrongs of exclusion and inequality. We celebrate the full participation and inclusion of people of all sexual orientations in our community and lament the hurt and injustice done to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered and two-spirited (Indigenous) Christians by parts of the Christian Church in the past and still today. 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. All members and adherents of Knox are welcome to serve in any appropriate position within the Church, in accordance with their desires and abilities. All services offered by the Church, including baptism, marriage, communion and pastoral care, are available to all members and adherents of Knox.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE An Wasserflussen Babylon, BWV 653 J.S. Bach
Jim Picken, organist ♦ see Music Notes

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN** “This Path We Walk” S. Curtis Tufts ♦

1 This path we walk, through joy and tears,
a living Way of faith and fears,
through each step’s risk, each sorrow’s pain,
when walked in love, we’ll rise again.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.
(Kee-ree-ay-lay-sohn)

2 When life is shared, together, free
We’ll grow to be all we can be:
A circle wide will call us home,
When wrapped in love, we’re not alone.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.

3 These gifts we bring, this light we hold,
our songs of grace, our stories told,
remain un-done, told just in part,
till shared in love, and known by heart.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Here, today, we celebrate the diversity of our community.

All: We celebrate each person and the gifts they bring.

One: Let us affirm each one no matter their age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, health status or race.

All: All are included in this place.

One: May we be people of justice in our communities, standing up for one another and against hate.

All: Be with us as we continue the journey.

Let us pray.

God, who affirms each one of us as we are, we come today bringing our whole selves. We bring our gifts and our growing edges. Open us to your spirit of acceptance, your spirit of embrace, your spirit of welcome. Work within us that we might embrace that spirit for each person and ourselves. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

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

Open our hearts, open our minds, open our lives to you, O loving God.
Open our hearts, open our minds, open our lives to you, O loving God. Open our hearts.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-9

REFLECTION “Living into Beloved Community” Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

HYMN “A Place at the Table” (music sheet available from usher)

Words: Shirley Erena Murray Music: Lori True

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be.
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free.

REFRAIN

**And God will delight, when we are creators of justice and joy;
Yes, God will delight, when we are creators of justice . . . Justice and joy.**

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding to share.
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
For woman and man, a system that’s fair. **REFRAIN**

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong. **REFRAIN**

4 For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
A covenant shared, a welcoming space.
A rainbow of race and gender and colour,
For gay and for straight, a chalice of grace. **REFRAIN**

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread.
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing;
For everyone born, a star overhead. **REFRAIN**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see insert) Brooke Justine De Leon
Parents: Franklyn Derek De Leon and Angela Dawn Kadin

Response: "Halle, Halle, Halle" VU 958 (sing twice)

Halle, Halle, Halle – lu-jah! Halle, Halle, Halle – lu-jah!
Halle, Halle, Halle – lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

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.**

Thank You to Knox staff & volunteers:

Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister)	Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
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Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)	Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator)	Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

◆ MUSIC NOTES

We warmly welcome two guest musicians to the worship service today:

◆ **Jim Picken, organist and pianist**, is filling in for Chellan who is away this weekend. Jim is an Associate Director of Music Ministry at Knox Presbyterian Church, and works alongside choir director Paul Grindlay, who was here at Knox U on February 19 with the Knox Presbyterian Choir. Jim has been accompanist for many local choirs and ensembles over the years; has had the unique experience of playing magnificent pipe organs throughout the UK and Europe, and has given many solo performances as an organist and pianist. He continues to enjoy the life of a collaborative musician. A Calgary native, Jim's musical training began here. His degrees include B.Mus. in Piano Performance (University of Victoria, 1975), B.A. and M.A. in Theology (Oxford University, 1980, 1994), and M.Mus. in Organ Performance (University of Calgary, 2011.)

◆ **Paul Westwick, cellist**, is a brother to Knox member David Westwick, and lives in Vancouver. On past visits to Calgary, he has joined the Knox music team as singer and instrumentalist. We are pleased to welcome Paul today and thank him for sharing his music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Tuesday, March 14 @ 12:00 pm	PIE Day	Knox Garden
Wednesday, March 15 @ 12:30 pm	Wednesday Worship	Boardroom
Wednesday, March 15 @ 12:00 pm	Martin Orchestra & Chorale	Sanctuary
Thursday, March 16 @ 7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Sunday, March 19 @ 11:45 am	Affirming Coffee	Library

In loving Memory

Yvonne Scott (nee McCallum) beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, passed away on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at the age of 88 years.

Yvonne will be dearly missed by her children, Randolph (Randy) Scott; daughter, Joanne Orcherton and her husband, Tom; granddaughter, Ruth and her partner, Robin; great-grandson, William and his soon to arrive little brother; daughter, Jaye-Dee Scott; daughter, Roberta Walker and granddaughter, Maren; and dear family friend, Carol McDonell. She was predeceased by her father Robert McCallum, mother Catherine (Renee) McCallum (nee Nielsen), and daughter Jaye-Anne Fagan.

Memorial Services will be held at McInnis & Holloway (Park Memorial, 5008 Elbow Drive SW, Calgary, AB) on Friday, March 3, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Reception to follow in the Hospitality Centre at the Funeral Home. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed at www.MHFH.com.

Worship at Knox

Easter Opportunity

This Easter, we would like to bring back our flower cross - a cross that comes "alive" as people place flowers on it. The cost of the flowers is about \$200. If you would like to sponsor this in a small or big way, please email the church office at sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

Affirming

National Affirming/PIE (Public Intentional Explicit) Day

Tuesday, March 14

12:00 - 1:00 pm

We will be celebrating National Affirming Day with PIE! Come join us in the Knox Garden to hand out pie to pedestrians walking by. Wear rainbow colours!

Affirming Coffee

Sunday, March 19

Library, 11:45 am

LGBTQ2IA+ and Allies are invited for a time of community. Coffee and treats will be served. This will also be a chance to meet our minister Sheena Trotter- Dennis.

For information, contact Bob Benner @ yycbob159@gmail.com or call the church office.

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.

Lent

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.

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.

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.

Community News

Martin Orchestra & Chorale

Please mark your diaries for **Wednesday March 15th 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.

Ukrainians of Calgary Association Fundraising Concert

Saturday March 25, @ 07:00 pm

COMBINED CHOIRS & ORCHESTRAMASS IN G BY FRANZ SCHUBERT

Directed by Paul Grindlay with Elizabeth Fast and Christina Jahn, sopranos, Tayte Mitchell, tenor and Kristian Lo, baritone

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 1121 14 AVE SW, 403 244 4879

The Royal Canadian College of Organist Fundraising Concert - Bach Open Mic

Sunday March 26 @ 3:00 pm.

Admission my donation. Proceed will go to the Canadian Red Cross International Disaster Relief Fund.

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