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November 13, 2022

Worship Leader: The Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

Music Director: Chellan Hoffman Knox United Church Choir

Cantor: 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 (Bearspaw, 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.

GATHERING HYMN SING VU - Voices United (red hymn book) / **MV** - More Voices (coil book)

congregation remains seated; choir stands

I Am a Child of God MV 157 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

PRELUDE What a Wonderful World Music by Bob Thiele and George Weiss

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God sang the world into existence

All: And all creatures chirped or howled their praise.

One: The trees clapped their hands,
All: The mountains echoed joy,
One: And rivers babbled their praise.

All: The song is strong; God's love goes on and on.

(adapted from Larry Peacock, "Sourcebook of Worship Resources," 1999)

*HYMN O For a World VU 697

OPENING PRAYER

God of new creations, we come today ready to experience your love and hope anew. Open our hearts to your hopeful changes – open our minds to new ways of being. We come ready to see what you invite us into this day. We give thanks as we wait in expectant joy. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ, be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

REFLECTION "Imagine" Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

HYMN I See a New Heaven VU 713

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

HYMN Sing a New Song Unto the Lord (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (see purple sheet)

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: Imagine – music by John Lennon; arr. Mareike Davis Played by **Knox ReBeLL Ringers**

CLOSING HYMN In the Bulb There is a Flower VU 703

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE Festive Gloria 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 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)

Knox ReBell Ringers: Wayne Hubbard, Chellan Hoffman, Steve Miller, Chris Morrison, Rosalee Morrison, Pat Place, David Westwick (absent: Janet Zatka)

Weekly Security help: Jim Smith, Ricardo Moraes-Pinto, Rosalee Morrison, Holly Smith

Weekly office help: Dennis Ruf, Tony Vandervliet

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Governing Body Nominations

It is an exciting time for Knox as we welcome a new Interim Minister, support a well-organized Stewardship Campaign and move towards defining our future through various Working Groups.

The time has now come to nominate members of a new Governing Body. The key positions to be filled are Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. These three members will be joined by the Chairs of Ministry and Personnel, Finance and a Trustee. Together they will work to support the Mission and Vision of Knox on behalf of the congregation.

Critical attributes for all three positions include:

- ✓ A willingness to work alongside the Commission and within the requirements of the Chinook Winds Regional Council
- ✓ A willingness to adjust to the needs of the congregation in a time of re-building
- ✓ An ability to function with some degree of ambiguity and flexibility
- ✓ An ability to communicate well both orally and in writing
- ✓ An ability and willingness to work collaboratively
- ✓ A commitment to becoming a member of Knox if not currently a member
- ✓ Each position has a one-year term

If you have experience in leading groups or teams, in setting agendas, in conducting meetings and are comfortable representing the Governing Body to the congregation and other groups, please consider applying for the Chair position.

If you are an organized person, are familiar with recording and preparing minutes, possess word processing skills, and are willing to be the "tracker" for activities of the Governing Body, please consider applying for the Secretary position.

If you are comfortable with preparing and interpreting financial statements, are willing to consult with the Finance Committee and others in preparing an Annual Budget and are willing to become familiar with CRA reporting requirements, please consider applying for the Treasurer position.

The Opportunity Knox Team will be happy to chat with you about your interest in these positions. We will be available at coffee-time, or you can ask Sue in the church office for our contact information and for an Application Form.

Knox Town Hall Forums

Stewardship/Finance Team – Today @ 11:45 am. Grab a coffee if you wish, and then please join us in the labyrinth.

Appreciation Luncheon on *Sunday November 20 @ 11:45*. A sign-up list to attend is available in the cafe. Any dietary restrictions should be noted. Alternatively, you may call Sue Forsyth in the office to register your attendance. There is no charge for this celebratory luncheon.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday November 27, @ 11:45 am in the Sanctuary

The Knox United Church Foundation, of Calgary (Knox Foundation) is holding its 2022 Annual General Meeting following the *Sunday December 4, 2022*, @ 11:45. This will be a hybrid in person / online meeting. Financial results will be presented, and directors elected. The meeting will last about 15 minutes. Members of Knox United Church (KUC) and the community are encouraged to attend.

The Knox Foundation is a registered Canadian charity. Its sole beneficiary is Knox United Church.

The mandate of the Knox Foundation is to receive, manage and grow funds from endowments. Income or other capital from these funds are used to support the ongoing ministry of KUC and for the maintenance of the historical building, Casavant organ, and the Memorial Garden. The Foundation provides sustaining income annually to KUC as well as needed funding for large capital projects at the Church.

KNOX EVENTS

Coffee Break in the Sanctuary – Wednesdays at 10 AM

Come join the discussion! On Wednesday mornings at 10 am during Advent, you are invited to drop in for a weekly discussion on the week's theme and text (November 23, 30, December 7, 14). We will meet for 1 hour. Come once or come every time. No preparation necessary - just come open to engage with the text and with one another. For more information, you can email Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis at strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com.

Christmas Tree decorating - November 19 @ 2

It's time to enjoy some Christmas spirit and group camaraderie! Please come join us on November 19 @ 2 pm to get the Sanctuary decked out for the Yuletide Season. We want it to look festive in time for the Carol Festival beginning the following week.

Calgary Carol Festival 2022

Nightly @ 7:00 pm from Friday, November 25 to Monday, November 28.

Knox is once again hosting this exciting celebration of magical carols and choirs! This not-to-be-missed event will expand to four days this year. Admission is by donation of cans or cash for the Calgary Food Bank.

THE 2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS ON THE MOVE....

As we enter week #4 of the Stewardship Campaign, you will see our "musical approach" to track contributions received to date from our Knox congregation. Constructed with magnificent aplomb by our Stewardship Team, this will enable us to watch our pledging progress as they grow over the next ONE week. Is there no end to the creative abilities of our Stewardship Team?

Each of us has different reasons for returning to Knox week after week. It is a fascinating question to ask when talking with others at coffee on a Sunday morning following church. The reasons are as personal and varied as those attending Knox. The Stewardship Team decided to seek out a few of our congregation members willing to share their insights into why they come to Knox. These personal reflections are fascinating and are the reasons, "Why I Will Give" to this year's Knox Stewardship Campaign. We thank our guest this morning for adding his personal perspective to our Stewardship Moment.

And now for something completely different, please sign up in the Cafe by talking to Vi or Murray if you are able to join us for our Knox Appreciation Luncheon. This event will be held on November 20th in the Parlour immediately after church. Congregational members have contributed funding for the Luncheon so there is no charge. We ask you sign-up in advance so "Chef Chuck Curry" and his Dining team know how many to prepare for at our Luncheon.

Thank you for your time, Jo-Anne Willment, 2022 Knox Stewardship Convenor

COMMUNITY EVENTS

String Theory Music Collective is presenting a special concert called CHANT on November 19th. This is sure to be a very moving evening that explores themes of reconciliation, healing and connection. The project is three years in the making and features over 65 performers. More info below.

Warmly, Andrea Neumann, baroque violinist, STMC

CHANT -- *Saturday, November 19, 2022* 7:30 PM Rozsa Centre

TICKETS: https://www.stringtheorymusiccollective.com/events

CHANT is a concert inspired by the human impulse to create music for healing and connection. Featuring Cree-Dene Songmaker Sherryl Sewepagaham, Spiritus Chamber Choir, the Calgary Children's Choir, and String Theory Music Collective, our foray explores music from around the globe. Ancient composers such as Hildegard of Bingen and Palestrina resonate alongside modern composers such as Arvo Pärt and Ola Gjeilo. Canadian composers are featured throughout the program, and a highlight will be the premier of a new work entitled *Papîyahtik: Peace Chant*, co-created by Sherryl Sewepagaham and Andrea Neumann.

Watch Andrea Neumann, co-artistic director of String Theory, introduce CHANT: https://youtu.be/ n5as Dzc2M

* Two shorter concerts will also be presented at the Calgary Central Library on Sun, November 20th @ 1:30pm & 2:30pm. These performances are free to the public and are great for families with young children.

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