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November 6, 2022

Worship Leader: The Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis
Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Knox United Church Choir**
Reader: Gillian Forster **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 (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.

PRELUDE Benedictus music by Karl Jenkins; organ solo

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Last Post

2 minutes of Silence

Reveille

Chris Morrison, trumpet

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Powerful Spirit, strong Wind
All: **Stirring us to life, breathing hope into despair:**
One: Warming Spirit, dancing Flame
All: **Kindling joy and filling us with courage.**
One: Comforting Spirit, gentle Breeze
All: **Refreshing our weariness, softening our grief.**
One: Wise Spirit, blazing Fire
All: **Illuminating our path, casting out the darkness.**
One: Holy Spirit, soaring Dove
All: **Calling us to worship, filling us with love.**
(Larry Peacock, *Sourcebook of Worship Resources*, 1994)

***HYMN “God of the Sparrow” VU 229**

OPENING PRAYER

Wondrous and unwearied God, breathe deeply into us this morning. We come breathless to you from fretful times and blurred places – our attention splintered, our energy drained, our love glazed, our faith frayed. Still we have been drawn here and we give thanks for this time for renewal. Breath of God, fill us with life anew. Amen.
(adapted from Larry Peacock, *Sourcebook of Worship Resources*, 1994)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

REFLECTION “Can These Bones Live?” Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

HYMN “Spirit God, Be Our Breath” MV 150

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your child, Jesus Christ – the one who preached good news, proclaimed liberty to the oppressed and taught us how to love one another.

We remember that it was around a table that Jesus gathered his disciples during his last week of life. Jesus reminded them of the work that he had done – how he had fed the hungry, included the outcast, challenged the status quo. He reminded them that God’s vision was about forgiveness and loving our neighbours as ourselves.

And, as they sat and ate and remembered, Jesus took the bread that they were eating – and he gave thanks, he broke the bread, gave it to everyone gathered around the Table, and said, “take and eat – this is my body, broken for you. Whenever you eat of this bread, remember me.”

And then he took the wine that they were drinking – and he gave thanks for the wine, gave it to those gathered around the Table and said, “this is my cup – poured out for you - whenever you drink this, remember that you are loved and you are forgiven.”

As we remember and give thanks, we pray we might also join God's work of reconciliation and forgiveness, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here today, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us signs of God's love and forgiveness. Transform our lives that we may also be a sign of that love and forgiveness in our homes, in our neighbourhoods, and in the world. Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray...

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The cup of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive the bread and juice. Bread will be offered and then you are invited to dip the bread into the cup, and receive the elements together. Individual packets of juice and wafer are also available as a gluten-free option.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

"Spirit of Life" VU 381

Prayer After Communion

**For the bread we have eaten.
For the cup we have shared.
For the strength we have received.
We give thanks.
May we go into the world in the strength of these gifts,
To work for peace, to seek out justice, to heal the world. Amen.**

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: *Chorale* from *Petite Suite* by Michael McCabe
Janet Zatkan, piano / Chellan Hoffman, organ

CLOSING HYMN “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace” VU 684

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE Every Time I Feel the Spirit traditional spiritual arr. by Michael Hassell

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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)

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

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

As we enter week #3 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 3 three weeks. 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

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.

Stewardship/Finance Team – please note the change of date to *Sunday November 13 @ 11:45 am*. Please mark your calendars to attend.

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.

The Knox Community

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.

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