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Pentecost 14 – September 18, 2022
Treaty Day and Reconciliation

Worship Leader: Rev. Tony Snow
Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Knox United Church Choir**
Cantor: Pat Place **Reader:** Karen Harrison

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 an integral part of this community.

Thank you for being here.

GATHERING HYMN SING – CELEBRATING CREATION

(congregation remains seated; choir stands)

VU = Voices United (red hymn book) **MV** = More Voices (coil book)

HYMN: God's Is a World of Beauty (Tune: Aurelia – “The Church's One Foundation”)

1. God's is a world of beauty in land and sea and air;
Aesthetics born in heaven the ocean depths declare.
Both harmony and discord emerge from mother earth,
While sunset sky and thunder proclaim their Maker's worth.
2. God's is a world of beauty in creatures and in kind;
Diversity and contrast reveal God's lively mind.
In intellect and language, in gender and in race,
Our differences bear witness to variegated grace.
3. As God is our Creator and all God's image bear,
We each are blessed with talents to treasure and to share.
Thus painter, potter, poet, composer, dancer, mime,
Enable form and beauty in symbol, sound, and time.

4. We thank you, Holy spirit, for all that you inspire,
For unattained perfection to which we still aspire;
And for our Saviour Jesus whose crafted words reveal
Divine imagination, true beauty, ever real.

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WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

PRELUDE MUSIC Inevitable Fall David McIntyre (Saskatchewan composer)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of Blessing, God of Mercy,

This Season of Creation we reach out to you

From the first instances of relationship on this land

Relationship with the earth, the plants, the animals

We acknowledge our interdependency and interconnectedness

We thrive as the earth thrives

And when the earth suffers, we suffer.

Today we seek a better relationship

Because we know our impacts have harmed our environment.

We know we have much to change.

This season may we learn to abide with nature

With blessings and gratitude.

HYMN O Beautiful Gaia MV 41

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OPENING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Psalm 89:34-37 God's Covenant with David

1 I will sing of thy steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim thy faithfulness to all generations. **2** For thy steadfast love was established forever, thy faithfulness is firm as the heavens. **3** Thou hast said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: **4** 'I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations.'" *Selah*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Refrain: Open Our Hearts MV 21

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

Creator, God, Wakan Tanka, Great Spirit,
On this day we see all your blessings

Help us to abide in your love

On this day we see all your children

Help us to live in right relationship with your creation. (R)

Holy Spirit of God, Great Mystery
Presence within all aspects of our world

We come to this space with humility

Knowing your love and guidance surrounds and nurtures us.

For this gift of life we share gratitude (R)

Adonai, Elohim, Yahweh

Into your world we live and flourish by your grace

Help us to live as good stewards

Understanding your path for us is long and winding

May we live into our promise as your children. (R)

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

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Second Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put my law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN Mother Earth, Our Mother Birthing MV 39

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REFLECTION Treaty Day and Reconciliation Rev. Tony Snow

HYMN Bless the Lord MV 46

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Refrain: There Is Room for All MV 62

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There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!

Spirit of Creation: Gentle, prodding, knowing way,
You immerse us in the wisdom of your workings.

Spirit of Beginnings, of Cycles, of Eternal Unfolding
You guide us through change, challenge and the respite of blessing.

In this Season of Creation we know there is struggle; there is loss; there is inhumanity,
Help us to navigate these struggles, to seek your guiding path through the hardship.

For those that have lost from War, from Pestilence, from Want, from Violence and Strife.
May we heed their struggle and offer them the blessing of our good hearts and concern.

For those living with illness, with disability, with physical, mental and spiritual pain,
Help us to be a kind voice, a kind presence and a comfort for their spirits.

For those living with other kinds of hardships, a fear of themselves or others,
Help us to be a presence of nurture and goodness in their lives.

For all those experiencing joy and bounty, and the blessings of your goodness
May we rejoice with them and seek solace in your blessings. (R)

In this time and in this season of reconciliation we reflect upon apologies
For our implication of the world we live in,

May we find a new way to bridge relationships
To strengthen our communities

May our path lead us to greater humanity and a better future
May the changes we see in Creation's continuum give us hope. Amen. (R)

Lord's Prayer (see purple sheet)

CANDLELIGHTING / OFFERING

At this time, 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: Between darkness and light Palestine/Israel
Words: Manal Hreib; Music: Daphna Rosenberg

CLOSING HYMN Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fireweed (emblem of Yukon) – music by Beverley McKiver (Anishinaabe)
** hear Beverley McKiver in concert, Knox United, Tuesday, Sept 20, 7:30 pm **

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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:

Sue Forsyth (office administration)	Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Jampa Tseten (caretaker)	Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Chellan Hoffman (director of music)	Carey Barrett (video operator)
Steve Miller (IT support)	Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Marco Rojas, Iván Gómez (sound operators)	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today @ 11:45

Grab a coffee and join us upstairs in the boardroom

Governance at Knox- Begin the conversation of what kind of governance should Knox consider for the future?

Rev. Roslyn Campbell will be leading the meeting who has served the United Church in a variety of roles including Minister, Conference Executive Secretary and as a lawyer.

Commissioners Update

The Commission appointed by the Chinook Winds Region of the United Church of Canada has been at work to help support Knox United Faith Community in charting a new path forward. We have approved a possible contractual/rental relationship with the Calgary Musicians' Association, a key lead for the Knox Finance and Stewardship Team, a Team to work on IT, Communication, and live broadcast of Knox services on YouTube, and to gather together a Mission and Visioning Team.

The Commission is also committed to hopefully securing a three-quarter time ministerial appointment to begin in October 2022.

Discussions and conversations are happening on many levels. Please hold this process in your prayers and consider how you can help to financially support this vital appointment. The Commission and Chinook Winds Region feel that consistent pastoral/ministerial leadership is vital for Knox to have stability, energy, and support for moving forward.

If any of you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please be in touch with the Chair of the Commission,

Rev. Tom Melvin, at tommelvin@shaw.ca.

Knox Town Hall Forums

Finance & Stewardship Program - *Sunday, October 2nd, 11:45 am* - in the Boardroom with Convener Jo-Anne Willment and planning team.

Mission & Visioning Team – *Tuesday September 20 @ 6:30 pm*- in the boardroom, with Tom Melvin. If this is an area that interests you, please come to the initial meeting.

Reception of New Members - *Sunday, September 25th* - Contact the Church Office if you would like to become a "Voting Member" of Knox United. If you have been part of Knox for a long time or are a new-comer, consider becoming a member. To serve on Church Council, Ministry & Personnel - the United Church Manual requires leaders to be "Voting Members." Rev. Bob Mutlow will be leading this worship service.

Congregational Meeting - *Sunday, September 25th @ 11:45 am* chaired by the Rev. Roslyn Campbell. Knox Commission is committed to a series of quarterly congregational meetings to keep the congregation informed and involved in the work of the church.

We will receive and discuss:

- Next Steps: Mission & Vision, Governance, Fall Stewardship Campaign.
- Chinook Winds Pastoral Relations Minister, Rev. Karen Medland re: Minister Plans for Knox
- Adopt the current Financial Statement and receive updates from Knox Foundation and Trustees
- To adopt the minutes of past congregational Meetings
- Other items that may be brought to the attention of the Congregational Meeting

This is your invitation to take part in this meeting up-date!

The Knox Community

Events

Tuesday, September 20, @ 7:30 pm - Wild Mint Arts and Knox United Church present Canadian Floral Emblems – Beverley McKiver, piano and special guest Chellan Hoffman, organ

Monday, October 3, @ 7:30 pm – Calgary's Handbell Celebration Concert featuring local handbell ensembles, including our own Knox Ringers. Fish Creek United Church, 77 Deerpoint Road SE.

Friday, October 28, @ 8:00 pm - Halloween Silent Movie - "Phantom of the Opera" (1925) – featuring Ed Norman, organist from Galliano Island, BC.

Volunteers needed

Caretaking help

Our caretaker Jampa has gone above and beyond duty by single-handedly caring for our church since March 2020. Now that renters are returning after a long absence, it is harder to keep up. Until we can rehire our caretaking staff, assistance is required with tasks like vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, sweeping, and washing floors.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Are you able to help out for even just a few hours? If so, please let Sue know by phoning 403-269-8382 or emailing office@kxcalgary.com.

Treasurer

Opportunity Knox continues to search for a Treasurer. The Treasurer is the primary financial officer who oversees budgeting, the month-to-month financial health of the church and is a member of the Board.

If you are interested in the role, please contact Sue in the office by phoning 403-269-8382 or emailing office@kxcalgary.com

Bottle Recycling – Did you know we have a bottle recycling program? Bottles are collected and exchanged for cash. So far this year we have raised over \$400. Please help keep Knox's lights shining bright - bring in your bottles and put them in the bin outside the office.

Knox Newsletter – If you have an article for the newsletter or announcements, please send it to Sue in the office @ office@kxcalgary.com

The Wider Community Supporting, Volunteering, Giving!

A Farewell Choral Evensong Service @ Cathedral Church of the Redeemer (Anglican) for Music Director **Dr. Neil Cockburn** will be held on **Sunday, Sept 18 at 6:00 pm**. Neil has accepted a teaching position at King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia, starting this October. Neil has been a major influence in the Calgary organ community since 2000, and we all wish him well. In lieu of gifts, he asks that you contribute to a community organization such as:

- DOAP team/Alpha House
- Be the Change YYC
- Emma House
- Aboriginal Friendship Centre
- The Alex
- CUPS
- Mustard Seed



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

*Listen to the
Voice of creation*
SEASON OF CREATION 2022