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February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday

Worship Leaders: The Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis, The Rev. Tony Snow

Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Knox United Church Choir**

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.

We warmly welcome Rev. Tony Snow, a member of the Stoney Nakoda First Nation. He grew up on Treaty No. 7 land at Morley, Alberta, where his father Dr. Rev. Chief John Snow Sr. attended the Morley Indian Residential School. Tony is a Day School Survivor who now works as the Indigenous Minister of the United Church of Canada's Chinook Winds Region. As a Traditional Knowledge Keeper, minister and consultant, Tony has worked for decades in public engagement and government relations, bringing awareness and healing to communities of faith and Indigenous peoples, as a continuation of his father's and grandfather's work.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE "Wayfaring Stranger" arr. Don Hustad

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN "We are Pilgrims on a Journey" VU 595**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As we enter into this time of Lent, we ground ourselves in the seven Assiniboine (Nakoda) teachings.

We light the candle of bravery.

All: May we be clothed with courage as we enter into this time of intentionality.

One: We light the candle of generosity.

All: May we be generous in our words and actions, in our love and care for one another.

One: We light the candle of respect.

All: May we live in respect with all of our neighbours.

One: We light the candle of humility.

All: Open our hearts and minds to new insights and learnings.

One: We light the candle of empathy and caring.

All: May we care for ourselves and one another.

One: We light the candle of responsibility and fortitude.

All: May we live our lives out of a sense of purpose and honour one another.

One: We light the candle of wisdom.

All: May the spirit work within us.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, open our hearts, open our minds to your invitation for learning this Lent. Open us to new ways of living. Open us to new relationships. Open us to new paths of truth and reconciliation. We come humbly and with gratitude. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

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

READING Joel 2:12-13

REFLECTION Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

Music: O God, Hear My Prayer VU 948

O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:

When I call, answer me.

O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer:

Come and listen to me.

READING Stoney Proverb

REFLECTION Rev. Tony Snow, Indigenous Minister Chinook Winds Region

RESPONSE

You are invited to come forward to receive ashes on your forehead, receive the blessing of smudging, light a candle and write a prayer on a ribbon to be tied to the outside railing.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

SMUDGING

PRAYERS

CANDLELIGHTING

***LENTEN HYMN “This Path We Walk”**

Lyrics by S. Curtis Tufts a United Church minister in Spruce Grove Alberta.

Lyrics set to the tune “O, Holy Spirit” by Ron Klusmeier. Arranged by Chellan Hoffman.

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.

(Pronounced: 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.
(Kee-ree-ay-lay-sohn)

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.
(Kee-ree-ay-lay-sohn)

4. When life is shared, together bound,
God's richest gifts, together found;
Together walk the Spirit's Way
When love's the guide, we shall not stray.
KYRIE ELEISON, KYRIE ELEISON, KYRIE ELEISON.
(Kee-ree-ay-lay-sohn)

5. This life we share, a blessing deep;
A promised gift, now ours to keep.
God grant our words were spoken true,
Now clothed in life, each day anew.
KYRIE ELEISON, KYRIE ELEISON, KYRIE ELEISON.
(Kee-ree-ay-lay-sohn)

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Arranger's note: The words of this refrain "Kyrie Eleison" (Greek for "Lord, have mercy on us") belong to "O, Holy Spirit" (music by Ron Klusmeier; words by Fred Kaan), the tune to which Tufts' words were set.

***BLESSING**

You are invited to take your prayer ribbon and tie it along the garden fence or along the stair railing as a public prayer for truth and reconciliation.

POSTLUDE Servant Song arr. Mark Himmelman

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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.*

Thank You to Knox staff & volunteers:

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Worship at Knox

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.

40 Days of Truth and Reconciliation: living into our commitments During the 40 days of Lent we will focus on our commitment to the ongoing work of truth and reconciliation and right relations.

Blanket Exercise

Saturday, March 4

1:00 - 3:00 pm Knox United, Sanctuary

The Blanket Exercise is a faith-based cultural awareness tool that presents information about the Residential School Experience in Canada and its impacts on Indigenous communities. This Regional Blanket Exercise is focused on Treaty 7 history and experiences. Rev. Tony Snow will lead this exercise. All are invited.

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.