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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis and Keith Murray

**Interim Music Director:** Ethan Hill

**Musicians:** Knox Choir **Reader:** Roman Sizer

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*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.*

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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 Goodstoney), 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.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

**PRELUDE**

**“Chorale Prelude on Eventide”**

*C. Hubert H. Parry*

## **WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise” Voices United 264**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, all you weary and anxious;

**All: Here, find rest for your souls.**

One: Here, enter into the grace of forgiveness;

**All: Here, taste the living water of renewal.**

One: Come from busy weeks and anxious worry;

**All: Find stillness here,**

One: Songs that lift your spirits,

**All: A community that reminds us that we are not alone.**

(adapted from Larry Peacock, *Sourcebook of Worship Resources*, Canton, Ohio: 1994)

Let us pray.

**God of presence and assurance, we give thanks for this day and for this time with one another. Comfort us for the days and months ahead. Fill us with your loving spirit and the courage to face whatever comes our way. Open our hearts and our minds to your peace today. Amen.**

(adapted from Larry Peacock, *Sourcebook of Worship Resources*, Canton, Ohio: 1994)

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

**And also with you. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

**“A Light is Gleaming”**

**Voices United 82**

Refrain:

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.**

**Come share its gladness, God’s radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

**ANTHEM**

**“Be Not Afraid”**

*by Craig Courtney*

**REFLECTION**

**“Holding the Light”**

**Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis**

**\*HYMN**

**“Don’t Be Afraid”**

**More Voices 90**

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**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.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,  
From each one, to each one.  
Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days.**

**Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come;  
Come swiftly, Mother, Father come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy,  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy.  
Forever your name is all in one; Forever your name is all in one.**

**A — men, A — men, A — men.**

## CANDLE LIGHTING AND OFFERING

*During this time you are invited into a time of personal reflection and prayer. You are invited to come forward to light a candle, place an offering, receive a special blessing with oil, write a prayer or just to sit and listen to the music.*

*Thank you for your financial support. It costs \$45,000/month to operate Knox United Church. Your financial support helps sustain our buildings and helps us be*

*an open space, a vibrant place, a place of sacred connections. We deeply appreciate your gifts.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“God of the Sparrow”**

**Voices United 229**

**\*BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

*Peter Benjamin*

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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!***

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### **Thank You to Knox Staff & Volunteers**

**Minister:** Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

**Office Administrator:** Sue Forsyth

**Interim Director of Music:** Ethan Hill

**Sanctuary Preparation:** Bob Benner

**Social Media:** Roman Sizer

**Coffee Crew:** Murray Songer/Vi Smith

**Indigenous Minister, Chinook Winds Region:** Rev. Tony Snow

**Seminary Intern, VST Student:** Keith Murray

**Caretakers:** Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross

**Sound Operators:** Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller

**Livestream/Video Operators:** Carey Barrett/Rick Hand/

Christopher Denman/Mirko Zatka/Vladimir Bodrug/Frank Lam

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### **Welcome and Information Table**

A welcome table is set up in the back of the sanctuary. This is the place to find information about events, sign up to volunteer and find friendly people to answer questions about Knox. Thank you to Karen Harrison and Michael Malolos for hosting.

### **TODAY**

#### **Pre-Service Bible Study/Conversation**

**Sundays, 9:30 am, Library**

Join a small group for a conversation on the Sunday theme and scripture reading. The time will be interactive and conversational. All are welcome. Please feel free to join one Sunday or all Sundays.

## **Children's Handbells**

### **During the service, Labyrinth**

All children are invited to come and begin learning the art of handbell ringing. The sessions are led by Janet Zarka, a ringer with our Knox Re-Bell ringers, and include handbell ringing basic skills and techniques. No previous experience necessary. We will meet in the Labyrinth during the worship service. Questions? Please email Christine at [csizer@kxcalgary.com](mailto:csizer@kxcalgary.com).

## **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

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

Today @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Sunday, February 11 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Monday, February 12 @ 2:00 pm	ReBell Ringers	Handbell Rm.
Wednesday, February 14 @ 12:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Garden
Sunday, February 18 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Monday, February 19 @ 2:00 pm	ReBell Ringers	Handbell Rm.
Wednesday, February 21 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, February 25 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Sunday, February 25 @ 11:45 am	Discover Knox Tour	Sanctuary
Monday, February 26 @ 2:00 pm	ReBell Ringers	Handbell Rm.
Wednesday, February 28 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, March 10 @ 11:45 am	Annual General Meeting	Gym

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Connection and Reflection - Contemplation and Community**

#### **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, readings, 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.

## **COMING UP AND ONGOING**

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

#### **Wednesday, February 14, 12:30 pm, Garden**

Join Rev. Sheena and Rev. Tony Snow for a short worship service of readings, music and the imposition of ashes as we begin our Lenten journey. For forty days we will reflect on how we can continue to make and build relationships that are based in love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility and wisdom. Begin the season in a reflective and meaningful way. All are invited.

### **Annual General Meeting**

#### **Sunday, March 10, 11:45 am, Gym**

All are invited to the Knox United Church Annual General Meeting. Programmatic reports and financial updates will be shared. All members and adherents are invited to vote during the meeting.

## **We Want to Hear Your Stories**

We're looking for YOU to share a short story with us about how Knox is an Open Space, a Vibrant Place, A Place of Sacred Connections. Everyone is invited - newcomer, long-time attender, children, youth, adults. We know that everyone has a reason for being here and why Knox is important. We would like to hear these on Sunday mornings as part of worship and use on our social media to tell the stories of Knox. There are several ways to do this. Sign up to let us know you want to tell your story (at the Welcome Table), or send a short clip (no more than 30 seconds) to [rsizer@kxcalgary.com](mailto:rsizer@kxcalgary.com).

## **Would You Like to Volunteer at Knox?**

We are so grateful for the many volunteers who serve on administrative and programmatic committees, sing in the choir, replenish candles, serve as sanctuary hosts, make coffee and so much more! If you are looking for ways to plug-into the Knox community, there is a place for you! Please fill out a volunteer inventory sheet that you can find at the Welcome Table. This will let us know your interests and skills. You can leave your completed form at the table or place it in the offering plate.

## **Special Children's Time**

On the first Sunday of the month, there is a special time for children during our Sunday worship service. Children, ages 3 and older, are invited for a time of story, craft and recreation. The Children will start in the Sanctuary and move to the library. We are deeply grateful for Christine Sizer who is volunteering to lead this program. If you have any questions, please contact [sundayschool@kxcalgary.com](mailto:sundayschool@kxcalgary.com).

*Coloring packets are available every Sunday in the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to help yourself.*

## **Choristers Wanted!**

### **Rehearsals Wednesdays 7-9pm, Labyrinth**

The Knox Choir is searching for new members to sing in weekly rehearsals and Sunday services. Our choir is an inclusive ensemble who enjoys singing many styles of music ranging from sacred classical to gospel, rock and pop. We meet Wednesdays from 7-9 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. Musical literacy is preferred but not required. Please email our Interim Music Director at [ehill@kxcalgary.com](mailto:ehill@kxcalgary.com) to ask questions or express interest. We would love to have you!

## **Ringers Wanted!**

### **Rehearsals Mondays, 2 pm, Handbell Room**

The Re-Bell Ringers are looking for new members to join. No handbell experience is necessary, but reading music is required. If you would like to be a part of the ringers, please contact the church office at [sforsyth@kxcalgary.com](mailto:sforsyth@kxcalgary.com).

## **Naked Faith for Youth (Grades 6-12) and Young Adults**

### **Third Friday of the month, 6:30 pm, Location TBA**

Naked Faith is a United Church Regional Event which means it brings together youth and young adults from all over Calgary. The evening begins with dinner, followed by an hour-long service. Afterwards, youth from grades 6 through 12 are invited to stay for games and activities until 10:30. Young adults are invited to head to a nearby pub to engage in further discussion about the theme, or to simply enjoy the

community. Naked Faith is facilitated and made possible by Regional Youth and Young Adult Ministries, funded by St. Andrew's United Church in Calgary. Visit [fishcreekunitedchurch.ca](http://fishcreekunitedchurch.ca) for more information.

### **Discover Knox Tour**

**Last Sunday of the month, 11:45 am, Sanctuary**

All are invited to take a behind-the-scenes tour of parts of the building and hear more about the Knox community.

### **Knox Weekly Email**

Sign up to receive Knox's weekly email newsletter. The email is sent out on Friday and includes information about the Sunday service and other events. Email [office@kxcalgary.com](mailto:office@kxcalgary.com) to get on the distribution list. Or, use this QR code.



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