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February 25, 2024 - Second Sunday of Lent

Worship Leaders: Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis and Rev. Tony Snow

Interim Music Director: Ethan Hill

Musicians: Knox Choir and Sandra Sutter **Reader:** Mirko Zatka

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 (Calgary Elbow District), 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

Ethan Hill

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***OPENING HYMN**

“A Place at the Table” (verses 1-2)

Shirley Erena Murray, arr. C. Hoffmann

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Deep echoes of the soul,

All: Voices of silence,

One: Inner nudges,

All: Persistent longing.

One: It is the call of God.

All: The pull of Lent,

One: The season of reflection.

All: The yearning for springtime joy.

One: The thirst for living water,

All: The desire for new ways and new paths forward.

Adapted from Larry Peacock, *Sourcebook of Worship Resources*, Canton, Ohio: 1994.

Let us pray.

Divine Whisper, we listen best with our hearts. We hear the wisdom of the trees and the truth that whistles through the valleys. We hear the tears of a hurting friend and feel the joy of a kind word. We walk in Lent with our heads bent to hear your holy whispers. We journey with hearts open wide to receive your tender grace. We walk in Lent with hands outstretched to grasp your pull toward a future of justice and peace. With our senses and open heart, we travel these days with your love accompanying us on the way. Amen.

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

“Deep in Our Hearts”

More Voices 154

*Deep in our hearts there is a common vision:
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.*

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

REFLECTION

“Long Table of Companionship - Respect”

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

Reading

“One Drum” by Richard Wagamese

Richard Wagamese was an Ojibwe Canadian author and journalist from the Wabaseemoong Independent Nations in Northwestern Ontario.

Quiet Reflection

Music

“Peaceful Nation”

Sandra Sutter

Reading

“Add Coffee” by Randy Woodley

Rev. Dr. Randy Woodley is an activist, scholar, author, teacher, wisdom-keeper, and Cherokee descendant recognized by the Keetoowah Band who speaks on justice, faith, the earth, and Indigenous realities.

Quiet Reflection

Music

“How Many Times”

Sandra Sutter

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.

Music: "Burn in Me" Sandra Sutter

***CLOSING HYMN** "We are Pilgrims" **Voices United 595**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Thank You" Sandra Sutter

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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

Minister: Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

Office Administrator: Sue Forsyth

Interim Director of Music: Ethan Hill

Sanctuary Preparation: Bob Benner

Rebell Ringers: Rosalee Morrison

Coffee Crew: Murray Songer/Vi Smith

Livestream/Video Operators: Carey Barrett/Rick Hand/Christopher Denman/Mirko Zatka
Vladimir Bodrug/Frank Lam

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

Social Media: Roman Sizer

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.

Welcome, Sandra Sutter

We are pleased to welcome Sandra Sutter as our guest musician this morning. Sandra is an Indigenous artist whose family of origin is from the Red River area in Manitoba and settled in Île-à-la-Crosse, Big River and Muskeg Lake in Saskatchewan, as well as various points across the Prairies. Raised in a loving non-Indigenous family, Sandra discovered and embraced her ancestral and cultural roots later in life. Like many displaced Indigenous people, honouring her proud heritage is important to a woman whose birth heritage was lost through time and circumstance. Her culture now influences her every step through life and she has grown into an active and passionate advocate for Indigenous culture and rights. Her life journey in both the non-Indigenous and Indigenous worlds has given her a unique perspective and opportunity to bring people together through her songs of reconciliation.

In Calgary, Sandra is a well-known singer-songwriter and has performed at many different venues across western Canada. She sings, writes and plays in a variety of styles including folk, country, jazz, blues and rock. Sandra is inspired by her Indigenous heritage and has been active in the arts, particularly music, for many years. This love of culture was initially expressed several years ago in the release of an EP of original songs entitled "Peaceful Nation". Sandra is the Aboriginal Partnerships Manager for PTW Energy and CGT Industrial and the President of the Board of Directors for the Circle

for Aboriginal Relations Society. She sits on several Indigenous serving board and committees across Canada. She lives and breathes the concepts that she thinks, speaks and sings about every day. In 2017, Sandra was awarded an Indigenous Arts production grant from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts to record a full-length studio album with producers and JUNO-winners Vince Fontaine (Eagle & Hawk/Indian City) and Chris Burke-Gaffney (Orphan, The Pumps, Harlequin).

Discover Knox Tour

Today, 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.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Today @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Today @ 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 3 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Sunday, March 3 @ 11:30 am	Potluck	Gym
Monday, March 4 @ 2:00 pm	ReBell Ringers	Handbell Rm.
Wednesday, March 6 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, March 10 @ 11:45 am	Annual General Meeting	Gym
Sunday, March 10 @ 1:00 pm	Patriarchy on Trial	Theatre
Thursday, March 14 @ 11:00 am	PIE Day	Garden
Thursday, March 28 @ TBA	Feast at Morley	Morley
Friday, March 29 @ 11:00 am	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary

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.

Lent 2024

The forty days leading up to Easter is a traditional time of introspection and reflection. In the season, we focus on the ways we reflect the sacred in the world. This year, we are using the theme of building a "Table of Compassion." With scripture and the 7 Grandfather Teachings (love, respect, bravery, humility, truth, wisdom) we will look at the values we want to encourage and build in our lives and in our community.

COMING UP AND ONGOING

Monthly Potluck

First Sunday of the month, 11:30 am, Gym

Each month we join together for a time of fellowship and delicious food following the worship service. Bring food to share. All are welcome!

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.

Opportunity Knox

The primary role of Opportunity Knox (OK) is to ensure there is an open and transparent process for filling vacant volunteer leadership positions. We strive to provide applicants with knowledge of the position and to match skills and interests with available opportunities. The positions most likely to fall under the OK mandate are those requiring congregational approval, such as Council members, Trustees and leadership positions including Committee/Team Chairs.

Knox is looking for leaders to advance and evolve the mission of the church. There currently are 3 leadership positions available.

Council Secretary. This person is an active part of the Council and helps keep them organized by taking and keeping minutes and overseeing the official correspondence of the church. On average this position requires a volunteer commitment of approximately 5 hours per month.

Chair of Ministry and Personnel. This person, along with M&P members works to support, nurture and oversee the Knox staff in order to bring out their best. They are the stewards of the relationship between the congregation and the staff. On average, they anticipate a volunteer commitment of 5 hours per month.

Trustee. Knox Trustees are responsible for holding in trust and managing Knox Church properties and funds related to those properties. If you have an interest in investments and/or real estate management and would like to be included in a longer-term vision for the sustainability of our historic building, please consider joining this team. The term is 4 years with a time commitment for quarterly meetings and extra time as needs arise. You must also be a member of Knox or willing to become a member.

Patriarchy on Trial - Reader's Theatre by Carolyn Pogue and Loretta Biasutti, Presented by the Calgary Rolling Crowns

Sunday, March 10, 1:00 pm, Knox Theatre

It begins with a dream...A woman dreams a court room and finds an obelisk in it. Examining the obelisk symbols, she realizes what the trial is about: the patriarchy. Finally. The patriarchy has gone way too far. Three witnesses will testify: Eve of The Garden of Eden fame, Emma Amethyst, a time-travelling healer and herbalist and Jane Doe, an overwrought working mom in today's world. It will be up to you, the audience/jury, to pass judgment, to sing-a-long with a few feisty songs. and finally, to join a conversation about your dream for the future. Run time is 45 minutes with discussion to follow. Admission is free (donations welcome). For more information, contact cpogue@shaw.ca.

PIE Day

Thursday, March 14, 11:00 am, Garden

Part of our work as an Affirming congregation is to be Public, Intentional and Explicit about our Affirming stance. Each year, we celebrate being public, intentional and explicit in our support for the LGBT2SIA+ community by passing out pie to people walking by our church. Last year we passed out more than 400 pieces of pie. We need your help! On Sunday, March 10, we will be collecting pies (store bought or homemade) to be passed on March 14. We also welcome any and everyone to help us pass out pie on the 14th. It's a super fun way to be PIE and to be a welcoming presence on our corner.

Maundy Thursday Dinner at Stoney Nakoda (Mni Thni)

Thursday, March 27

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.

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.

The Affirming Committee Invites You to Support Trans Youth

We stand in solidarity with Trans and gender-diverse youth and invite you to show your support. Please consider signing a petition at <https://transactionalberta.ca/> to let the Alberta government know that we believe their proposed legislation targets the safety, health and human rights of trans and gender-diverse individuals and their families.

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.

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 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.

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 to get on the distribution list. Or, use this QR code.



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