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

Interim Music Director: Ethan Hill

Musicians: Knox Choir **Reader:** Patricia 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.

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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

“Marche des rois mages”

Théodore Dubois

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***OPENING HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Voices United 226

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Deep within, a living spring,

All: A connection to the source of grace,

One: A link to the flow of power,

All: A swell in the stream of blessing.

One: This day, know that the living water flows within you.

All: Rejoice. Be glad. Be nourished.

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

Let us pray.

O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.

(from the UCC's Bay of Quinte Conference: <http://www.bayofquinteconference.ca/>)

***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

Psalm 100

REFLECTION

"Laughter is Sacred Space"

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

ANTHEM

"This Little Light of Mine"

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

LORD'S PRAYER - sung (*purple music sheets available in pews*)

Cantor: Heavenly Father, All: Heavenly Father,
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(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.
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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 which makes a huge difference in the life and ministry of this congregation.

Music: "Raindrop Prelude" by Chopin

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”

Voices United 684

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Sortie”

Louis Lefébure-Wély

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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

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

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.

Notes from the Music Director:

With our theme being humour this Sunday, I had to do some research to find fitting music - comedy doesn't come to mind when I think of organ music! I chose these pieces based on a wonderful YouTube video on Humour in Organ Music, which I am glad exists and a link was included in the weekly email. Throughout the entire prelude - *March of the Three Kings* - there is a high B being played, symbolizing the star of Bethlehem. Its quirky nature brings to it a certain lightness and wonder. The postlude is an extravagantly pompous piece with a childlike playfulness.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Today @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Tuesday, January 23 @ 7:00 pm	Book Club Field Trip	Hillhurst UCC
Wednesday, January 24 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Wednesday, January 24 @ 7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Labyrinth
Wednesday, January 24 @ 7:00 pm	Land Acknowledgment Event	Sanctuary
Sunday, January 28 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Sunday, January 28 @ 11:45 am	Discover Knox Tour	Sanctuary

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, using our very own Knox handbells. The sessions are led by Janet Zaska, 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.

Support Roman Sizer, Alberta Bible College Student

Following today's service, Roman Sizer, IT specialist, will be delivering a sermon as part of requirements for his preaching class. Anyone who is interested is invited to stay for about 30 minutes and hear Roman preach. Feedback will be invited.

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.

Book Club Field Trip

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 pm, Hillhurst United Church

Join the Knox Book Club as they travel to Hillhurst UCC for the launch of "Crossing the River: an unsettling memoir" by Sandra Hayes-Gardiner, hosted by Rev. Tony Snow. More details can be found on the Hillhurst United website: hillhurstunited.com/events.

Interfaith Land Acknowledgement Workshop

Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary and Online

Calgary Interfaith Council invites all to this event, led by Rev. Tony Snow, Indigenous Minister for the Chinook Winds Region. For many, simple land acknowledgements often lack meaning and depth about the true nature of our treaty relationship and what we are doing to improve our relationships. This online and in person workshop is open to any and all who would like to learn about the historical background of the land acknowledgement and those who seek understanding of the land acknowledgement as an organizational practice that can help guide us toward the calls to action and improved community relationships. To register for zoom, please go to calgaryinterfaithcouncil.org.

COMING UP AND ONGOING

January Sermon Series - More Light

Sometimes the weeks after Christmas are a bit of a let-down. How many of us are just barely getting through our days? Prolonged stress, uncertainty, full schedules, the dark days of January - there's a lot keeping us from a light-filled month. What's a faithful response? What if everyday life activities could become spiritual practices - deepening our experience of a meaningful life and help us add more light to our life and the lives of others. On Sundays in January, join us as we explore the ways music, food, humour and small acts of kindness can be meaningful spiritual practices.

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.

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!

An Exciting Heads Up

Our church database has been moved onto a new system that allows us to move into the next century with donations, activity registration, small groups, and more. As we move forward, you may receive an email or two from Church Center. This is the company that hosts our database. We did not want you to worry that it is spam. You will not be required to do anything. One piece of exciting news is that your 2023 tax receipts will be issued via secure email. Don't worry, if you are not able to download them, Sue will be happy to get one to you. We will continue to update you as we roll out more features, including our church app and registrations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sue Forsyth: sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

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.

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.

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.



Discover Knox Tour

January 28, 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.

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