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Worship Leaders: 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 (Calgary Elbow Region), 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

“Prelude”

by William H. Harris

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***OPENING HYMN**

“Let Us Build a House”

More Voices 1

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let justice flow like a mighty stream.

All: Let truth stand tall like the majestic oak.

One: Let hope be as broad as the distant horizon.

All: Let kindness rain like a summer shower.

One: Let love blossom in every heart.

All: Let music soar and stir our feet to action and our spirits to praise.

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

Let us pray.

God of many names and God of us all, we gather today hoping to catch a word that inspires, that ignites a passion for justice, that invites us into reconciling work. Remind us again of your call on our lives to seek justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with you in the world. Fill us with your renewing and compassionate love. Amen.

***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

Micah 6:1-8

HYMN

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

Voices United 701

REFLECTION

Making a Difference in Calgary

*a conversation with Elyse Brazel (Calgary Alliance for the Common Good) and Susan Wood
(Knox member and liaison with the Calgary Alliance), facilitated by Keith Murray*

ANTHEM

"Heal the World"

by Michael Jackson

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 which makes a huge difference in the life and ministry of this congregation.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“For the Healing of the Nations”

Voices United 678

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott” Op. 79b

by Max Reger

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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:

“In keeping with this week’s theme of justice and loving kindness, I selected a postlude by Max Reger based on the well-known hymn tune *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*. This short piece has the tune in the pedals, which ring deeply and sturdily throughout the piece, driving home the idea of God being a solid pillar of justice and love. Above the melody are thick, rich and detailed harmonies that grow from the pedal line like a beautiful, expansive garden.”

Welcome Elyse Brazel and Susan Wood

Today we welcome Elyse Brazel from the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good and Susan Wood from the Knox community. Keith Murray will be facilitating a conversation with Elyse and Susan during worship. Knox United Church has a long history with the Calgary Alliance, dating back to its inception in

2013. The first organizing meeting was held in this sanctuary and Rev. Dr. David Holmes was one of the original organizers. Currently, Knox provides financial support to the Calgary Alliance.

The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good (www.calgarycommongood.org) is a non-partisan and non-profit alliance of congregations, unions, school and community groups in Calgary representing more than 35,000 people. These organizations came together to form the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good in order to organize the power of our communities to shape a just and compassionate city. The mission of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good is:

- *To create a broad-based shared organization that is as diverse as Calgary, building relationships among organizations and people from the various **community, ethnic, non-profit, labour, and religious groups.***
- *To **strengthen** our member organizations and their leaders to develop a healthy and effective civic life.*
- *To use the principles and techniques of **community organizing** to effectively address the real issues facing Calgarians and our member organizations.*

Elyse Brazel is an Organizer for the Calgary Alliance. She holds a BFa in Visual Art and Design specializing in figurative painting, and a graduate degree in Public and Pastoral Leadership (MAPPL) specializing in Indigenous and Inter-religious Studies.

Susan Wood has been a Calgary Alliance volunteer from the organization’s earliest days, in 2015. A minister at Knox United, Rev Dr David Holmes, was instrumental in the founding of the Alliance, and recruited a small group from our church to attend the initial discernment assembly, deciding on the first issues to be addressed by the Alliance. Susan joined the Truth & Reconciliation Research Action Team after that meeting & served as secretary of the group from 2016-2019. Although not very active during the pandemic and its aftermath, Susan has always remained a supporter and a friend of the Alliance.

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
Wednesday, January 31 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Wednesday, January 31 @ 7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Labyrinth
Sunday, February 4 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Sunday, February 4 @ 11:45 am	Potluck	Gymnasium
Wednesday, February 7 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, February 11 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Wednesday, February 14 @ 12:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
Sunday, February 18 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Wednesday, February 21 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth

Sunday, February 25 @ 9:30 am
Sunday, February 25 @ 11:45 am
Wednesday, February 28 @ 12:30 pm

Bible Study/Conversation
Discover Knox Tour
Connection and Reflection

Library
Sanctuary
Labyrinth

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.

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.

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

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.

Monthly Potluck

Sunday, February 4, 11:30 am, Gym

Our monthly potluck returns! Mark your calendars for a time of fellowship and delicious food following the worship service. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary

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.

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!

Calgary Alliance for the Common Good

All workshops are open for Knox congregants. Visit calgarycommongood.org/events to RSVP and attend. Upcoming events:

Core Teams 101

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 07:30 PM

Online (Zoom)

Foundations for Community Organizing (Winter 2024)

Wednesday, February 07, 2024 at 09:00AM - 4:30pm

In-Person at Temple B'nai Tikvah (\$20 includes lunch)

Anti-Racism Training - by the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre (ACLRC)

4 hours over 2 days: Wed Feb 21 (11am-1 pm) & Wed Feb 28 (11am-1pm)

Online (Zoom)

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. Visit fishcreekunitedchurch.ca for more information.

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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