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July 2, 2023

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Music Director: Chellan Hoffman
Summer Music Leaders: members of Knox 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.*

WIFI PASSWORD - Knox Guest\$2021

HEARING ASSISTANCE - if you require additional hearing assistance, headsets are available.
*They can be picked up in the back of the sanctuary or by asking a greeter.
After the service, please return the headsets to their original location.*

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.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE Guest organist - Leslie Smith (see Music Notes section for more info)

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN** “Love Astounding” (see hymn sheet)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Bread is baked -

All: A community gathers.

One: Bread is blessed -

All: Awe and thanks for the miracle of creation.

One: Bread is broken -

All: That we might be whole.

One: Bread is shared -

All: That all might be fed.

(Larry Peacock, Sourcebook of Worship Resources, 1994)

Let us pray.

Bread of life, source of all goodness, we give thanks for the gifts we have from you. God of feasts and banquets, help us be leaven for generosity and mercy and justice. Let us nurture one another and give rise to your goodness. May our actions be bread for the world. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Dance with the Spirit



Dance with the spi - rit ear - ly in the morn - ing, —



Walk with the spi - rit through - out the long day. **Work** and **hope** for a



new life a - born - in'; **Lis - ten** to the spir - it to show you the way.

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 13:33**

REFLECTION **“Critical Yeast”** **Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis**
**series based on “Short Stories by Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine*

***HYMN** **“I Come with Joy, a Child of God” VU 477**

HOLY COMMUNION

God is with us!

We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the One who invites us to the Table.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Infinite and Boundless God, who created all things and called them good. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy one, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Source of Love and Light.

Holy are you, and blessed is your child, Jesus Christ.

We remember that it was around a table that Jesus gathered his disciples during his last week of life. Jesus reminded them of the work that he had done – how he had fed the hungry, included the outcast, challenged the status quo. He reminded them that God’s vision was about forgiveness and loving our neighbours as ourselves – encountering each person as God’s very own.

And, as they sat and ate and remembered, Jesus took the bread that they were eating – and he gave thanks, he broke the bread, gave it to everyone gathered around the Table, and said, “take and eat – this is my body, broken for you. Whenever you eat of this bread, remember me.”

And then he took the wine that they were drinking – and he gave thanks for the wine, gave it to those gathered around the Table and said, “this is my cup – poured out for you - whenever you drink this, remember that you are loved and you are forgiven.”

As we remember and give thanks, we pray we might also join God’s work of reconciliation and forgiveness, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here today, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us signs of God’s love and forgiveness. Transform our lives that we may also be a sign of that love and forgiveness in our homes, in our neighbourhoods, and in the world. **Amen.**

And now, we are bold to pray God’s vision for the world.....

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.**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The cup of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Holy Communion, Candlelighting and Offering

All are invited to come forward to receive the bread and juice. Bread will be offered and then you are invited to dip the bread into the cup, and receive the elements together. Individual packets of juice and wafer are also available as a gluten-free option.

You are invited to light a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Candles are lit as a symbol of remembrance, celebration, gratitude, prayer. Please take this opportunity to make an offering online or in person at the candle table. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.

Music: Asturias **Isaac Albenz (1860-1909)**
David Westwick, mandolin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**For the bread we have eaten,
For the cup we have shared,
For the prayers we have prayed,
For the strength we have received,
We give thanks.**

May we go into the world, in the strength of these gifts. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** **“Sing a New World into Being” (see hymn sheet)**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

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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:

Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)
Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross (caretaker)
Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)
Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator)

Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

Music Notes: We welcome guest organist (and Knox Choir member) Leslie Smith to the service this morning. Leslie Smith was born in Calgary to musical parents and sang in church choirs and played the organ from a young age. Robert Hunter Bell was an early influence and eventually he studied organ at University of Calgary with John Searchfield. An interest in wood working from his Father helped him through the assembly of his first harpsichord at age 16. Along the way Stuart Kennedy also nurtured a strong interest in the interior workings of organs and in 1973 Leslie became an apprentice organ builder with Gabriel Kney and Co in London Ontario. By the end of the decade they'd built several new tracker organs in Alberta including Christ Church Anglican, Calgary and Robertson-Wesley United, Edmonton, as well as 40 or so trackers for American clients.

In 1982 Leslie joined Gerhard Brunzema in Fergus Ontario. Upon Mr B's untimely passing in 1992 Leslie established his own workshop where he built and repaired organs until retiring back to Calgary in December 2022.

It's good to be home.

Upcoming Sundays:

July 9 and 16 Stampede Time! Only in Calgary do we have an extra **liturgical season called Stampede Sunday 1 and Stampede Sunday 2.** Join us for some **fun gospel music** on both of these Sundays. Donning cowboy hats and western wear is highly encouraged! If you have any favorite old-time hymns you'd like to sing on these dates, let our music director know. choffman@kxcalgary.com

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Wednesday, July 5	@ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Friday, July 7	@ 8:00 am	Stampede Parade	In front of the church

Making Sacred Connections: Worship

WEEKLY Connection and Reflection (Wednesday Worship):

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.

WEEKLY Sermon Series: Short Stories by Jesus Starting June 4, for six weeks, our themes and reflections will draw heavily from scholar Amy-Jill Levine and her book, "Short Stories by Jesus." Amy-Jill Levine is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace. Each week we will look at a different parable (stories Jesus told to make a point) and what it might be inviting us into today.

NEEDED Scripture Readers and Land Acknowledgement We are looking for a cross-section of people from across our congregation to read scripture on Sunday mornings and to do our land acknowledgement. No previous experience is necessary - all readings are assigned ahead of time.

Making Sacred Connections: Building Community

In Loving Memory

It is with sad news that we announce the passing of long time Knox member Evelyn Stymest. Evelyn passed away peacefully at the age of 98 at the Colonel Belcher Veterans residence.

Born in Rexton, New Brunswick, she will be lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews as well the many friends and neighbors with whom she shared warm friendships.

Lieutenant Evelyn Stymest retired from a nursing career in the Canadian Navy, her remains will be interred in the Beechwood Military Cemetery at a later date.

Camp Caravan is coming to Knox United Church August 14 -18

Camp Caravan is a full-day summer camp program (9 am – 4 pm including lunch supervision) for children ages four to grade 6. Children will explore ways in which they can experience God's love and "Follow the Spirit" in their everyday lives, all while building friendships and having fun. It is filled with epic learning experiences children will see, hear, touch, and even taste! Through small group activities, sharing stories and team-building games, everyone will be kept on the move, as we find creative ways to discover God's love. Children will explore their faith through a variety of activities and media sources such as music, crafts/art, stories, games/ activities, science and themed snacks! All activities are facilitated by engaged and active leaders that are focused on making sure all children feel included and accepted for who they are. Join us on our journey to discover God's exciting gifts and love

PROGRAM COSTS: one week 5 day camp \$125 per child

FOR REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION EMAIL: infocampcaravan@gmail.com

NEEDED - Office Volunteers for Vacation Coverage

We are looking for volunteers to help in the office in July while Sue is intermittently away between July 15 - August 2. This would involve answering the phone, taking messages and being present in the office from 10 am - 2 pm, Monday to Friday. If you can do one or more days please contact Sue in the office @ 403-269-8382 or sforsyth@kxcalgary.com

NEEDED Opening up the Sanctuary - Volunteers Needed We want to rebuild our presence as a church in downtown Calgary by opening the sanctuary and labyrinth for those seeking a quiet space during the week. We're looking for volunteer hosts who can open the 6th Avenue doors and stay to greet visitors for a couple of hours (schedule TBD). We're initially targeting Tuesday at lunchtime but would appreciate volunteer hosts any weekday between 10 am and 2 pm. This is an important and rewarding way to engage in the life and work of our church. If you would like to inquire about this project, contact Doug Chandler (dchandler1@shaw.ca) or email the church office (office@kxcalgary.com).

NEEDED Garage Sale - Jewels for Jesus We are having a fundraising garage sale on **August 12 & 13** so are looking for donations. Please bring your donations to the church and leave them outside the office and we will store them until the event.

THANK YOU From the Knox Treasurer Summer has officially arrived, and this past Wednesday, June 21, 2023, the Summer Solstice began. We look forward to adventures near and far, precious time with family and friends on patios and some straight up R&R. Our online services offer the opportunity to be spiritually present from wherever you are during the summer. Typically, offerings fluctuate over the summer months, and we invite you to continue your generosity even when you're not physically attending Knox. The past months have been incredibly busy at Knox - much has been accomplished with so much more to look forward to. Your gifts are received with gratitude and we thank you for supporting the ministry at Knox. Wishing everyone a safe, joyous, restful and wonderful summer.

Donating to Knox over the summer:

- Through the website: kxcalgary.com. Click the "Donate" button to donate online through ChurchCenter.com and PayPal
- The QR code during the online services links to the Donate page on the website
- Interac e-Transfer (email address: donate@kxcalgary.com)
- PAR (pre-authorized remittance), post-dated cheques or to request a set of personal donation envelopes to use throughout the year, please contact the church office at 403-269-8382.
- Mail a cheque payable to "Knox United Church". Address: 504 -4th Street SW, Calgary AB T2P 1S7

** Income Tax Receipts for the total of all donations during 2023 will be issued before the end of February 2024.

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