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**July 30, 2023**

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**Worship Leader:** William Brook  
**Music Director:** Chellan Hoffman  
**Cantors:** Members of the Knox Choir

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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.*

*Wifi password - Knox Guest\$2021*

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**      **Excerpts from *All Nature Sings***      **Alfred Fedak**

- I. Psalm 8: "When I Consider the Heavens"
- II. Let All Things Their Creator Bless (tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)
- III. For the Beauty of Each Hour (tune: Dix)
- IV. All Nature Sings (Tune: Terra Beata)

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

**\*OPENING HYMN**    **Called By Earth and Sky**      **MV 135**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is with us, right here and now.  
**We open our lives to our creator.**  
God cares for us and gives us life.  
**We open our hearts to our creator.**  
God appoints us keepers of the earth.  
**We dedicate ourselves to our creator.**

Let us pray.

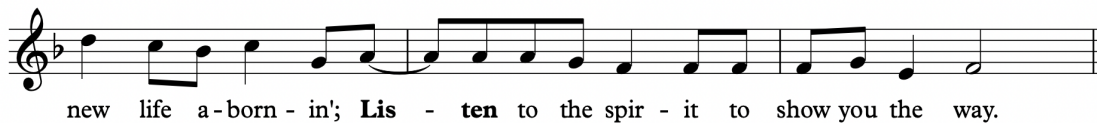
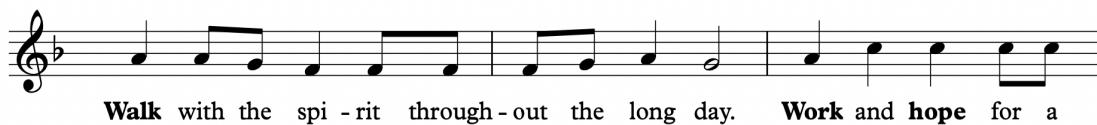
**Eternal God,**  
**your Spirit moved on the waters—**  
**and there was light,**  
**your first creation.**  
**your Spirit moved on the water of our baptism—**  
**and again, there was light in our souls and hearts.**  
**Let your holy light shine on us today,**  
**as we remember your creation**  
**and our special part in it. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.  
**And also with you. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

**Dance with the Spirit**



**SCRIPTURE READING**     **Genesis 1:26 – 2:3**

**REFLECTION**                    **“The (Very) Good Creation”**                    **William Brook**  
*\*series based on “Shalom and the Community of Creation” by Randy Woodley*

**HYMN**   **All Praise to You**     **VU 297**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**

## CANDLELIGHTING AND OFFERING

*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: Someone to Watch Over Me**                      George Gershwin  
Rosalee Morrison, horn; Chris Morrison, trumpet

**\*CLOSING HYMN      O Beautiful Gaia    MV 41**

**\*BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE    “Little” Prelude in C Major (Bach) / A Litany of Joy, Psalm 136 (Fedak)**

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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:**

Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister)	Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)	Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross (caretaker)	Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)	Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator)	Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)
Keith Murray (VST student, seminary intern)	William Brook (VST student, seminary intern)

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## Welcome William Brook, VST Intern

We welcome William Brook today! William is joining Knox as a Vancouver School of Theology intern. As part of his internship he will be preaching and leading worship for the next few weeks. William spent most of his life as a geneticist, most recently as a professor at the University of Calgary. But after following a midlife call, he is a candidate for ordained ministry in the United Church of Canada and a Master of Divinity student at the Vancouver School of Theology. William is interested in how spiritual practises can transform lives and communities and leads the Contemplative Ministry at Hillhurst United Church. He lives in West Hillhurst with his partner Darolyn and Hudson the dog. They have three grown children and three grandchildren.

### **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

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

Wednesday, August 2	@ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Sat/Sun, August 12-13	All Day	Garage Sale	Gym

*Please note: The church building and office will close at 4 pm during July and August.*

## 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.

**Sermon Series: God's Shalom and the Harmony Way:** The Harmony Way is a spirituality lived out by Indigenous peoples around the world. In the Harmony Way, we remember that we are all connected to each other, to the land, to all forms of life, and to the divine. We are meant to share the earth and live together in cooperation and peace. What does this have to do with our Christian story? That is what we will explore in a four-sermon series based on the book *God's Shalom and the Community of Creation* by Cherokee pastor and professor Dr. Randy Woodley.

## **Making Sacred Connections: Building Community**

### **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](mailto:infocampcaravan@gmail.com)

### **NEEDED Volunteers for the SoberCrew Walk (August 1-3)**

Knox will be hosting the SoberCrew, August 1-3. The SoberCrew is an Indigenous-led group that supports people in recovery. They are walking from Morley to Calgary to raise awareness of addiction and the challenges their communities face. We met members of the SoberCrew at the Maundy Thursday Feast in Morley. Knox is honoured to provide overnight accommodations for the group while they are in Calgary. We are partnering with other faith communities and congregations to provide meals. If you would like to volunteer to help with meals and clean-up, please contact Holly Smith through the church office.

### **OPPORTUNITIES/EDUCATION English Language Learning at Knox**

Knox will be offering **drop-in English language classes for adults** beginning at the end of July. These classes will be led by volunteer instructors/tutors—preferably with training and experience. **This initiative is in response to a need arising from the influx of immigrants and refugees that Calgary is experiencing.** Unfortunately, many of these individuals are experiencing huge delays in accessing necessary assistance with language learning.

Not only will these classes at Knox give students the opportunity to practice conversational English, but they will also provide other support. **We want to provide an opportunity for newcomers to gather in a relaxed, non-structured setting and to discuss and ask questions** regarding unknowns and complexities of life in a new country and new culture.

Although the classes are free, a **registration fee of \$20 will be requested** to assist with operating costs. **The initial focus of the classes will be support for beginner to intermediate conversational English (listening, speaking, and vocabulary).** However, we are also planning to **provide assistance for intermediate writing and grammar** if a demand becomes apparent.

## **SCHEDULE:**

**FIRST SESSION begins Monday, July 31.**

It will run for **five weeks** on **Mondays and Thursdays** from **1:30 PM - 3:30 PM.**

**SECOND SESSION** is presently planned to **begin on September 11.**

It will run for **five weeks** on **Mondays and Thursdays** from **3:30 PM - 5:30 PM.**

## **... AND NEEDED A Few More Volunteers for the English Language Learning at Knox**

**This English class for refugees and immigrants is starting tomorrow (Monday) at 1:30 PM. Classes are scheduled for five weeks on Mondays and Thursdays. It would be good to have a few more volunteers as backup for some classes ... especially if there is a larger number of students exhibiting English skills at a beginner level.** As a volunteer, you would NOT have to commit to five weeks of classes. Assisting with just one or two classes would be appreciated. There is no need to fear that your lack of knowledge or skills makes you inadequate. The only requirements are personal qualities of kindness, acceptance, understanding and empathy. Some newcomers have suffered severe trauma in the recent past and may be under emotional stress. The stress for you in this role should be minimal because all the materials and necessary assistance you require will be supplied.

You can indicate interest in this role by going to the Knox website ([kxcalgary.com](http://kxcalgary.com)) and clicking on "Events and Classes" at the top of the page. Then scroll down through all the information to the Volunteer Form.

**NOTE: If you used this online form to volunteer your assistance before 8 PM on Sunday, July 24, then your form has evaporated into oblivion. The SUBMIT button had a mind of its own. Please try again.**

**NEEDED Volunteers for Opening up the Sanctuary** 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dchandler1@shaw.ca)) or the church office ([office@kxcalgary.com](mailto:office@kxcalgary.com)).

**NEEDED Items for 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. Small pieces of furniture will be accepted, but if not sold, you are responsible for removing them from the church in the week following the sale.

**THANK YOU From the Knox Treasurer** Summer has officially arrived. 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](http://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](mailto: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 -4<sup>th</sup> 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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