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**June 18, 2023**

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**Music Director:** Chellan Hoffman    **Knox United Choir**  
**Cantors:** Pete Dennis, Elissa Cundy    **Reader:** Dennis Ruf

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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 MUSIC CELEBRATING GOOD SAMARITANS AND GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

**Knox Choir: Try a Little Kindness      Words and music: Bobby Austin and Curt Sapaugh  
Recorded by Glen Campbell**

*If you see your brother standing by the road, with a heavy load from the seeds he sowed.  
And if you see your sister falling by the way, just stop and say, "You're goin' the wrong way."*

***REFRAIN: You've got to try a little kindness, show a little kindness.  
Just shine your light for ev'ryone to see. And if you try a little kindness,  
then you'll overlook the blindness of narrow minded people on their narrow minded streets.***

*Don't walk around the down and out; lend a helping hand, instead of doubt.  
And the kindness that you show everyday will help someone along their way. **REFRAIN***

**Knox ReBell Ringers: “Where Everybody Knows Your Name” from the TV show *Cheers*  
Music and words: Gary Portnoy and Judy Hart Angelo**

*“Making your way in the world today takes everything you’ve got. Taking a break from all your worries sure would help a lot. Wouldn’t you like to get away? Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name. And they’re always glad you came. You wanna be where you can see, our troubles are all the same. You wanna be where everybody knows your name. // You wanna go where people know, people are all the same. You wanna go where everybody knows your name.”*

**WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**\*OPENING HYMN “This Path We Walk” (see insert)**

Music: Ron Klusmeier/Words: S. Curtis Tufts

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the presence of Creator, we gather this day in a spirit of gratitude.

**ALL: Gratitude for all the gifts of Creation—the air, the water, the land, the change of seasons as we move into summer.**

One: Gratitude for all the creatures that walk, swim, fly, and crawl on this earth.

**ALL: We gather seeking wisdom to help us live a generous and compassionate life.**

One: We gather seeking wisdom to help us live together with respect and humility.

**ALL: We gather seeking hearts and minds that are open to new possibilities and new beginnings.**

*From Indigenous Day of Prayer 2023, United Church of Canada*

\*Let us pray.

**We give thanks for our neighbours near and far – for those who we consider friends and those we find hard to like. Teach us to open our hearts to all of our neighbours – help us to see the sacred in each person. Where there is hurt, let us look for healing. Where there is hate, let us bring a spirit of understanding. Where there is unrest, let us work for peace. In all of our days, bring us closer together with all of our relations. 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 Luke 10:25-37**

**REFLECTION**

**“Neighbours”**

**Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis**

*\*series based on “Short Stories by Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine*

**HYMN “Draw the Circle Wide”**

**MV 145**

**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.*

**Anthem: “We Will Be A Shelter For Each Other”** Words: Tom Long Music: Allen Pote  
Knox Choir; Ricardo Moraes-Pinto, percussion

In every life a day will come beneath an angry sky  
The earthly things we build will fall, and we will question why.  
Then heaven whispers in hearts and we are moved to see  
Our neighbour has become a friend, and friends are family.

**REFRAIN: Love can build a house that stands forever;  
Stronger than a wall of steel or stone.  
We will be a shelter for each other in the storm.  
And when we come together we'll be home.**

For those who wander in the streets, who shiver in the rain,  
For all who live in loneliness, for every soul in pain.  
For every child whose lost their way from every friend they knew.  
We pray that we may find the strength to make this promise true. **REFRAIN**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” VU 602**

**\*BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”** arr. Geordie Roberts

Knox Choir; David Westwick, mandobass; Ricardo Moraes-Pinto, percussion

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**REFRAIN: Leaning, oh I’m leaning, I know I’m safe and secure from all alarms.  
I’m leaning on the everlasting arms.**

What have I to dread? What have I to fear? Leaning on the everlasting arms.

I have peace complete with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

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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)  
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)  
Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross (caretaker)  
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Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator)  
Keith Murray (VST student, seminary intern)

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

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## 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.

## Upcoming Sundays: Special Themes and Guest Musicians

**June 18** Celebrating **Neighbour Day** (June 17) and commemorating the **10th Anniversary of the 2013 Calgary Flood**, the **Knox ReBell Ringers** play "Where Everybody Knows Your Name" - theme from *Cheers*; and members of the **Knox Presbyterian Choir** join Knox to sing "We Will Be a Shelter" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

**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](mailto:choffman@kxcalgary.com)

## **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

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

Wednesday, June 21 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, June 25 @ 11:45 am	Discover Knox	Front of Sanctuary
Friday, July 7 @ 9:00 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**

**MONTHLY Discover Knox** Our monthly informational tour will be on June 25 following the Sunday morning worship service. All are invited to take a behind-the-scenes tour of some of the building and hear more about the Knox community.

**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](mailto:sforsyth@kxcalgary.com)

**NEEDED Affirming Ministries Team Leader** We are looking for a person to lead our Affirming Team and help Knox continue to be an open and affirming place for all. If you are interested in this position, please send Betty Norman Bray or Dianne Trimming a note through the church office: [office@kxcalgary.com](mailto:office@kxcalgary.com).

### **Calling all Stampede parade lovers!**

Skip the early wake up call, leave the lawn chair at home, and avoid the rush to get a front stage seat to the Calgary Stampede parade in support of a historic church who needs the communities help to stay afloat!

#### **Seating ticket & goodies**

For \$40+fees a chair with a front-and-center view of the Calgary Stampede parade will be reserved for you along with up to 2 "kid seats" on the curb in front of you. Kids must be 10 years old or younger.

With ticket purchase, you'll get access to:

- A reserved seat with a front-and-center view
- Up to two "kid seats" in front of your seat on the sidewalk
- Bathroom access
- Drink of choice for you along with up to two kids (coffee, water bottle or juice box)
- Take away pastry for you along with up to two kids
- Secured stroller parking

Tickets are now available on Eventbrite! <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/stampede-parade-2023-reserved-seating-tickets-652203156197>

**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 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 email the church office ([office@kxcalgary.com](mailto:office@kxcalgary.com)).

**NEEDED Garage Sale - Jewels for Jesus** We are having a fundraising garage sale so are looking for donations. Please bring your donations to the church and leave them outside the office and we will store them until we are ready to set a date.

## **Making Sacred Connections: Learning and Growing Together**

### **Campfire Chats: A Celebration of Indigenous Music**

June 21, 2023, 4 - 6 p.m., Heritage Park Plaza (free to attend)

In honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, the University of Calgary invites you to the 8th annual Campfire Chats: A Celebration of Indigenous Music.

Join us and Heritage Park in a celebration of Indigenous culture through live music and performances. Performers include Craig Ginn, Métis recording artist and UCalgary professor, Olivia Tail Feathers, traditional singer/songwriter from the Blood Tribe/Kainai Nation, Sandra Sutter, Cree Métis recording artist, and Rod Hunter and his drum group Eya-Hey Nakoda from Stoney Nakoda Nation.

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