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November 19, 2023

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

Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Reader:** Patrica Place

Musicians: 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

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.*

PRELUDE “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” arr. John Leavitt

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***OPENING HYMN "Let Us Build A House" (omit verse 3) MV 1**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Be with us in all of our journeys
All: From near and from far, and histories unknown
One: Be with us in strength and in weakness
All: The lost and forsaken, the proud and the strong
One: Be with us in all of our beings
All: Where life in our genders can truly belong
One: Be with us in all of our actions
All: Fulfilling your Kin-dom, where all people come
One: Be with us in all of our wishes
All: That rest in your love, when all are as one

(Susan Gilchrist, Corrymeela Community)

Let us pray.

God of many names, we give thanks this morning for the great diversity you have created. Help us to continue to affirm each person, to see your creativity at work, to embrace one another. Be with us in this time together - comfort and challenge us, sustain and enliven. We rest in your presence and love. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***GATHERING SONG "Open Our Hearts" More Voices 21**

**Open our hearts, open our minds, open our lives to you, O loving God.
Open our hearts, open our minds, open our lives to you, O loving God.
Open our hearts.**

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:26, 27

REFLECTION A Conversation with Amelia Newbert and Edgar Fernando

HYMN "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" MV 138 /or insert

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 quickly, Mother, Father, come;
Come quickly, 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

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, write a prayer or just to sit and listen to the music. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.

Music: Piano Improvisation by Steve Miller

***CLOSING HYMN “Let All Things Now Living” VU 242**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Chellan Hoffman

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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)	Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)	Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross (caretakers)	Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)	Murray Songer and Vi Smith (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)

Today We Welcome Amelia Newbert

A passionate transgender and LGBTQ2+ advocate, Amelia Marie Newbert is the Co-Founder and Director of Education and Awareness for the Skipping Stone Foundation, a not-for-profit dedicated to supporting and empowering trans and gender diverse youth and their families in the province of Alberta. She actively speaks and educates extensively across the province and country on matters around trans inclusivity, human rights and community building and is a faculty member of the World Professional Associate for Transgender Health.

Previously, Amelia has served as the president of the Trans Equality Society of Alberta, Director of Community Development with Calgary Pride and chairperson of Fierté Canada Pride's national Stand4Trans initiative among others and was awarded the inaugural Grand Heart Award for outstanding and distinguished contribution to advancing LGBTQ2+ rights in Calgary.

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 @ 10:45 am	Children's Handbells	Labyrinth
Today @ 11:45 am	Stewardship Celebration	Parlor
Monday, November 20 @ 5:15 pm	Yoga	Sanctuary
Tuesday, November 21 @ 6:00 pm	Book Study	Board Room and online
Wednesday, November 22 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Thursday, November 23, @ 1:00 pm	English Language Learning	Theatre
Sunday, November 26 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Sunday, November 26 @ 11:45 am	Knox Foundation Meeting	Parlour
Sunday, November 26 @ 11:45 am	Sanctuary Decorating	Sanctuary
Sunday, November 26	CANCELLED: 'Discover Knox' Tour	
Monday, November 27 @ 5:15 pm	Yoga	Sanctuary
Tuesday, November 28 @ 6:00 pm	Book Study	Board Room and online
Wednesday, November 29 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Thursday, November 30, @ 1:00 pm	English Language Learning	Theatre

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.

The 2023-2024 Knox Stewardship Giving Program:

Open Space. Vibrant Place. Sacred Connections.

The 2023-2024 Stewardship Giving Program kicked-off on October 22 and continues until November 19, 2023. Packages have been distributed by email this year but hardcopies are available at the Welcome Table at the back of the Sanctuary. We have come such a long way forward since October, 2022 and with your help we will continue to grow into new Knox services and opportunities in the months ahead.

To continue with this growth, we are asking for consideration for Stewardship Pledge donations for the 2023-2024 year. The cost of running Knox Church each month is \$48,000 and we use the Stewardship Program to finance these day-to-day operating costs. We are so grateful your dollars support Knox in so

many ways. If you have questions, please feel free to ask Jo-Anne Willment, Stewardship Chair who can provide further information. Please complete the pledge sheet and place it in the Offering Plate, give it to Jo-Anne Willment, Janet Zatzka, our Treasurer or to Sue in the Knox Office. Every little bit counts.

You are each invited to the Appreciation Lunch on November 19, 2023 to be held in the downstairs Parlour with a lovely meal open to everyone prepared by Chuck Curry and his world-famous Cooking Team! Your dollars enable us to uplift Knox programs, services and opportunities for us and community members in this beautiful and historic Knox United Church in downtown Calgary.

TODAY

Pre-Service Bible Study/Conversation

Sundays, 9:30 am, Library

Join William Brook, a seminary student at Vancouver School of Theology, for a look at 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, November 19, Labyrinth

We are pleased to announce that children will have an opportunity to begin learning the art of handbell ringing, using our very own Knox handbells. The sessions will be led by Janet Zatzka, a ringer with our Knox Re-Bell ringers, and will include handbell ringing basic skills and techniques. As they progress, we look forward to hearing what our junior ringers have accomplished. We will meet in the Labyrinth during the worship service. Questions? Please email Christine at csizer@kxcalgary.com.

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

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Board Room and Online (starting again on October 24)

This fall, a small group, including friends from Central UCC on 7th Avenue SW, have already decided to read and discuss "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact Sue at the office on sforsyth@kxcalgary.com if you would like to join the group, you will be very welcome.

Yoga in the Sanctuary

November 20 & November 27: 5:15-6:15 pm; Knox Sanctuary

Join us in the sanctuary for an hour of Yoga with instructor Melanie Batycky. Bring your own mats and blocks. Free admission thanks to a generous grant from the City of Calgary Neighbourhood Grant. Sign up at the class or by emailing sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

Transgender Day of Remembrance - November 20, 2023

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a Black, Transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence since Rita Hester's death, and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance. On International Transgender Day of Remembrance, we honour all Trans, Two-Spirit, and non-binary people who were victims of violence, hatred, and discrimination and who had their lives taken.

We invite you to mark this day by remembering lives lost, informing yourself about issues facing the Trans community or attending a vigil.

COMING UP AND ONGOING

Giving Tuesday

November 28, all day

Join the millions of Canadians giving a special gift to their favourite charities on Tuesday, November 28. Knox United is pleased to be listed as one of the charities on Givingtuesday.ca. Encourage friends and families to give a special gift on this day that will go to the ministries of this church. It's an easy way to make a big difference in the life of this congregation. Thank you!

Sanctuary Christmas Decorating

November 26 @ 11:45, Sanctuary

Join us in decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season after the service. Everyone welcome!

Christmas Bake Sale Ho! Ho! Ho!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 11:45 in the Sanctuary

It is time to start planning what "holiday goodies" you want to contribute to this all-important Knox fundraiser. The Annual Christmas bake sale will be held on **December 11:45** after the service. Start your planning and your cooking as soon as possible (remember: fruitcake takes time to 'mature'!).

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.

Knox Foundation Annual General and Special Meeting

Sunday, November 26, 11:45 am, Parlour

There will be an Annual and Special General Meeting of the Knox Foundation on Sunday, November 26 following the worship service. Meeting materials will be distributed at the meeting, however, advance copies (both physical and PDF) are available from the church office. The agenda will include a special resolution in order to update the bylaws of the Knox Foundation. As is our tradition, cake will be served following the meeting. All members and adherents of Knox United Church are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions. However, per the Knox Foundation's existing (adopted in 1999) bylaws, only members of the congregation will be permitted to vote.

English Classes at Knox

The third session of English classes at Knox is continuing once per week on Thursday afternoons from October 26 to November 30. We are happy to report that our volunteer numbers for this session are more than adequate. Thank you to all volunteers who have assisted—and are assisting—in making this language-learning experience enjoyable, productive, and effective for these newcomers to Calgary.

Knox on Amazon

You may begin to notice links to books and products for sale on Amazon on the Knox website or in our weekly emails. These are affiliate marketing links. This means if you click on the link and purchase the item, we will receive an affiliate commission at no extra cost to you. We only recommend products or services we believe honour the values of the church and congregation and carefully vet each product we mention. Thank you for supporting Knox!

Live-Streaming Volunteers Needed

Do you have an interest in getting more involved in Knox? Do you have some technical abilities or are you willing to be taught a new skill? We are looking for people to run and operate our Livestream on Sunday mornings. Training is available. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please email careyabarrett@gmail.com.

Concert Season Volunteers

As we move into Fall, we see the Event calendar at Knox filling up. This is a very important time for us, where we can both welcome our neighbors into our building and earn essential funds to help keep it open. Almost every event requires us to provide ushers, hosts, fire marshalls. *If you can help, even with just one event, please contact Sue at sforsyth@kxcalgary.com or check with the Information Table.*

Discover Knox Tour

Last Sunday of the Month, 11:45 am, Sanctuary; No tours in November or December

All are invited to take a behind-the-scenes tour of parts of the building and hear more about the Knox community.

Sanctuary Hosts

Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, 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 6th Avenue doors and stay to greet visitors for a couple of hours. 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 the church office (office@kxcalgary.com).

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