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

**Music Director:** Chellan Hoffman

**Musicians:** 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 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      Choral    Op. 37, No. 4**

**Joseph Jongen**

**WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

## STEWARDSHIP SONG

### God's Love Is Boundless NEW VISION

Text: Adam M. L. Tice  
Music: Sally Ann Morris

1. God's love is bound-less; no depth and no height can plunge us in shadows or  
2. There is no bor-der en-clos-ing God's love; no lim-it to test, no be-

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hide us from sight. No pre-sent, no fu-ture, no span is too far;  
low, no a-bove. No cen-tre to strive for, no mar-gin to fear;

13  
God re-mains with us, wher-ev-er we are.  
An-y-where, ev'-ry-where, God is still here.

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## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**\*OPENING HYMN “A Place At the Table”** music: Lori True; words: Shirley Erena Murray

1. For ev’ry one born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be;  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for ev’ry one born, the right to be free.

**REFRAIN:** And God will delight – when we are creators of justice and joy;  
Yes, God will delight – when we are creators of justice . . . justice and joy.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding to share;  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that’s fair.
3. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song;  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. **REFRAIN** (see next page for Verses 4 and 5)

4. For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space;  
A rainbow of race, and gender, and colour; for gay and for straight, a chalice of grace.

**REFRAIN:** And God will delight – when we are creators of justice and joy;  
Yes, God will delight – when we are creators of justice . . . justice and joy.

5. For ev'ry one born, a place at the table, for ev'ry one born, clean water and bread;  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing; for ev'ry one born, a star overhead.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God invites us to radical hospitality and connection.

**All: Open our hearts and our lives to one another.**

One: God invites us to hear the good news that we are included in God's care.

**All: Open our ears to hear this good news.**

One: God invites us to embrace the stranger, the marginalized, the other.

**All: No one is outside the circle - everyone is included in this place.**

Let us pray.

**God of outsiders and insiders, seekers and wise ones, we come this morning wondering what we will find - a word of hope, community, something that will keep us going. Help us find Your presence in this place. Open us to your transforming spirit and peace. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

**And also with you. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG      "Open Our Hearts"      MV 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 14:11-16**

**REFLECTION**

**"Thank You for Being a Friend"**

**Rev. Yolanda Norton**

## 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 is boundless in hospitality and 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 and creativity, your loving embrace.**

**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 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 or write a prayer 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: For Those Who Suffered [to LGBTQ+2S Victims of Violence]**

Words & music: Benjamin Smith      Sung by Knox Choir

- 1. For those who suffered lives of silent shame,  
for those whose pleasure held their deepest pain:  
Dry off their cheeks, wipe up their tears. Grant them, Lord, eternal joy.*
- 2. For those who found no peace in worship pews,  
for those who suffered word and pow'r abused:  
Make them your saints and draw them near. Grant them, Lord, eternal peace.*
- 3. For those who tossed on dark and restless nights,  
for those who slumbered under alley lights:  
Lay them to rest, their battles fought. Grant them, Lord, eternal sleep.*
- 4. For those who bear unwanted scars on skin,  
for those who know no name for love but sin:  
Lord, bless these wounds, O holy scars! Grant them, Lord, eternal life.*

## **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,**

**For the assurance we have been given.**

**We give thanks.**

**May we go into the world, strengthened by these gifts. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”**

**VU 684**

**\*BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE “ Thank You For Being a Friend”**

**Words and music: Andrew Gold**

1. Thank you for being a friend, travelled down the road and back again.  
Your heart is true, you’re a pal and a confidant. I’m not ashamed to say  
I hope it always will stay this way. My hat is off, won’t you stand up and take a bow.

And if you threw a party, invited ev-ryone you knew. Well, you would see  
The biggest gift would be from me, and the card attached would say:

**REFRAIN: (4x) Thank you for being a friend (*I wanna thank you*)**

2. If it’s a car you lack, I’d surely buy you a Cadillac.  
Whatever you need anytime of the day or night. I’m not ashamed to say  
I hope it always will stay this way. My hat is off, won’t you stand up and take a bow.  
And when we both get older with walkin’ canes and hair of gray.  
Have no fear – even though it’s hardly here, I will stand real close and say: **REFRAIN**

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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 (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)

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Today @ 9:30 am	Bible Study	Library
Today @ 10:45 am	Children's Time	Library
Today @ 11:30 am	Potluck	Gym
Today @ 1:30 pm	Michael Hope "Concert for Peace" accompanied by Chellan Hoffman	Sanctuary
Monday, November 6 @ 5:15 pm	Yoga	Sanctuary
Tuesday, November 7 @ 6:00 pm	Book Study	Board Room and Online
Wednesday, November 8 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Thursday, November 9, @ 1:00 pm	English Language Learning	Theatre
Saturday, November 11 @ 11 am	Remembrance Day Service	Sanctuary
Sunday, November 12 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Tuesday, November 14 @ 6:00 pm	Book Study	Board Room and online
Wednesday, November 15 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Thursday, November 16, @ 1:00 pm	English Language Learning	Theatre
Sunday, November 19 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Sunday, November 19 @ 10:45 am	Children's Handbells	Labyrinth
Sunday, November 19 @ 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	No 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 Rev. Yolanda Norton**

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Yolanda Norton as part of the Affirming Leader's weekend. Rev. Norton is the Executive Director of the Global Arts and Theology Experience (GATE) and the creator of Beyoncé Mass! Prior to her current positions she served as a Visiting Professor at the Seminary of the Southwest as well as Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible and H. Eugene Farlough Chair of Black Church Studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Her womanist scholarship explores how Scripture treats foreign women and how this has led to the oppression of Black women who encounter the Bible today. She is a PhD candidate in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel and Theology and Practice Fellow at Vanderbilt University. Rev. Norton is also ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and she holds a Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies degree from Wesley Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Syracuse University.

## **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 Zarka, 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.

### Potluck Lunch

**Today @ 11:45 am, Gym**

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

### 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](mailto:sundayschool@kxcalgary.com).

*Coloring packets are available every Sunday in the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to help yourself.*

### "Lest We Forget: A Concert for Peace"

**TODAY @ 1:30 pm, Knox United Church**

Awarding-winning baritone **Michael Hope** presents an afternoon concert of music from the early to mid-1900s, such as "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic," to modern inspirational songs like "I Believe." Knox music director Chellan Hoffman accompanies on piano and organ. The duo shares their thoughts with songs for our veterans, first responders, and anyone in the world today suffering from oppression. If you like music that is uplifting, romantic, thrilling, and inspirational, then this concert is for you. **Admission by donation.**

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sforsyth@kxcalgary.com) if you would like to join the group, you will be very welcome.

## **Yoga in the Sanctuary**

**November 6, 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](mailto:sforsyth@kxcalgary.com).

## **COMING UP AND ONGOING**

### **Discover Knox Tour**

**Last Sunday of the Month, 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.

### **Remembrance Day Service**

**Saturday, November 11, 11:00 am, Sanctuary**

Please join us for a service of remembering through words, music and quiet reflection. The Act of Remembrance will include The Last Post, Silence, and The Rouse, played by trumpeter Chris Morrison.

### **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 Zatka, 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](mailto:csizer@kxcalgary.com).

### **Knox Foundation Annual General and Special Meeting**

**Sunday, November 26, 11:45 am, Parlour**

The Knox Foundation Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday November 26 following the worship service. In addition to the usual business of the AGM, this meeting will include a Special Resolution in order to update the Bylaws of the Knox Foundation. All Knox members and adherents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:sforsyth@kxcalgary.com) or check with the Information Table.*

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dchandler1@shaw.ca)) or the church office ([office@kxcalgary.com](mailto:office@kxcalgary.com)).

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