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October 22, 2023

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

Music Director: Chellan Hoffman

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

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***HYMN**

“Come Let Us Sing”

VU 222

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: A new day is here.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

One: Kindle our passion for justice.

All: Fill us with new energy.

One: Send us along the paths of peace and reconciliation.

All: Enliven us with new ideas and open hearts. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Let us pray.

God of energy and movement, wind and Spirit, we give thanks for your renewing love and hope. Stir us from our slumber. Send us along the paths of peace.

Blow the timidness from our words and deeds. Enliven us once again. 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 Acts 2:1-13

REFLECTION "Open Space" Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

STEWARDSHIP HYMN "God's Love Is Boundless" *(see page 4 for the words and music)

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

This is 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 sit and listen to the music. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.

Music: “Breath of God, Breath of Peace” MV 24

***CLOSING HYMN “Spirit God, Be Our Breath” MV 150**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

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;

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

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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 (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)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Today, October 22 @9:30 am	Bible Study	Library
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Monday, October 23 @ 5:15 pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary	Sanctuary
Tuesday, October 24	Book Club	on-line and BoardRoom
Wednesday, October 25 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, October 29	No Bible Study	
Sunday, October 29 @ 11:45 am	Discover Knox Tour	Sanctuary
Monday, October 30 @ 5:15 pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary	Sanctuary
Tuesday, October 31	Book Club	on-line and BoardRoom
Wednesday, November 1 @ 12:00 noon	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth
Saturday, November 4 @ 9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Affirming Leader's Day	Knox
Sunday, November 5 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study	Library
Sunday, November 5 @ 11:30 am	Potluck	Gym
Sunday, November 5 @ 1 pm	Michael Hope Concert	Sanctuary

Welcome and Information Table

A new welcome table is set up in the back of the sanctuary. This will be where you can 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.

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.

Would You Like to Join Knox Officially?

Everyone is welcome at Knox whether or not you are an official "member." Membership into a congregation is a choice - some people wish to make a formal commitment in this way, others wish to serve on a committee where membership is a requirement. We will hold a membership conversation/class on October 15 and October 22 following worship. Sessions will be 1 hour. If you would like to participate, please contact Sheena Trotter-Dennis at strotterdennis@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

October 23, October 30, November 6: 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. \$20/session - \$45/monthly (3 sessions each month). Sign up at the class or by emailing sforsyth@kxcalgary.com

COMING UP AND ONGOING

Potluck Lunch

November 5, 11:45 am, Gym

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

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-Sponsored English Classes Will Continue

Our present ESL (English as a Second Language) / ELL (English Language Learning) classes for new immigrants and refugees will end on Thursday, October 12. A big thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped in during the past few months to assist in making this experience for newcomers an enjoyable and productive one!

We are receiving student requests to continue providing English-learning support, so the decision has been made to add another series of classes. However, the upcoming schedule will change to only **once per week** on Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and are scheduled for six weeks from October 26 to November 30.

Once again, volunteers will be required in order to make this experience as beneficial as possible for the full range of English ability levels that appear. Your volunteering for every class is not necessary. Occasional assistance is also very appreciated. If this volunteer role interests you, please email EnglishatKnox@gmail.com with your offers or questions.

Affirming Leader's Day - Sign up and Volunteer Hosts Needed

November 4, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, Knox United

Knox is pleased to be the location and host for the Annual Affirming Leader's Day, sponsored by Affirming Connections. This is a development event for leaders on emerging issues in 2SLGBTQIA+ and faith intersections. Rev. Yolanda Norton will be the keynote speaker and there will be expert panels on activism and community building. The event is November 4 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. You can purchase tickets to the event at the Affirming Connections website: affirmingconnections.com.

If you would like to be a Knox Host for the event, please email sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

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.

Lest We Forget, Michael Hope in Concert

Sunday, Nov 5 @ 1:00 pm, Knox United Church

Awarding-winning baritone **Michael Hope** presents an afternoon concert of music of the early to mid-1900s – **Lest We Forget - a Musical Tribute to Winston Churchill and the War Years**. Chellan Hoffman accompanies on piano and organ. Songs include *Jerusalem* and *Land of Hope and Glory*. Admission by donation.

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.*

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).

Discover Knox Tour

Last Sunday of the Month, 11:45 am, Sanctuary

Our monthly informational tour will be on **October 29** following the Sunday morning worship service. All are invited to take a behind-the-scenes tour of parts of the building and hear more about the Knox community.

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