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**October 29, 2023**

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

**Music Director:** Chellan Hoffman     **Reader:** Karen Harrison

**Musicians:** Knox Choir and Paul Westwick (cello)

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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     Aria and Variation No. 1, from *Goldberg Variations*     J. S. Bach**

David Westwick, mandolin and Paul Westwick, cello

**WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**\*HYMN     “How Great Thou Art” (omit Vs 3)**

**VU 238**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is a vibrant place!

**All: Full of interesting, imperfect people.**

One: This is a vibrant place!

**All: We bring different gifts, ideas and experiences.**

One: This is a vibrant place!

**All: Together, we are a vibrant community.**

Let us pray.

**God of vibrancy and life, we give thanks for a fresh day. Open our eyes to your wonderful and diverse creation. Open our ears to the beautiful choruses of the natural world. Open our hearts to one another. 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.**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*Membership is not a requirement to be a part of the Knox community. Membership is a way of making a formal commitment to Knox and a requirement for participation in some leadership roles.*

One: Will you commit to support and nurture these persons and all who share in this ministry of Knox United?

**All: We will, with God as our helper.**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you into the membership of this community of faith.

**All: We give thanks to God for your witness among us. Amen.**

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SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-13

REFLECTION

“Vibrant Place”

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

STEWARDSHIP HYMN

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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Music: NEW VISION; Sally Ann Morris © 2016, GIA Publications, Inc.

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. If you wish to receive a special blessing with oil, volunteers will be available on the right side of the sanctuary. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.*

**Music: “The Mission” (by Ennio Morricone) with “How Great Thou Art” (by Carl Boberg)**

Instrumental arr. by Jon Schmidt and Steven Sharp Nelson; Choral arr. by Bryn Nixon

**– Knox Choir with Paul Westwick, cello –**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “God of the Sparrow” VU 229**

**\*BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE | “What A Wonderful World”** words and music: G.D. Weiss and B. Thiele

Pat Place, soloist; David Westwick, mandolin; Paul Westwick, cello;

Ricardo Moraes-Pinto, percussion; Chellan Hoffman, piano

*I see trees of green, red roses, too; I see them bloom for me and you,*

*And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.*

*I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright, blessed day, the dark, sacred night;*

*And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.*

*The colours of the rainbow so pretty in the sky, are always on the faces of people passing by.  
I see friends shaking hands, sayin' "How do you do?" They're really saying, "I love you."*

*I hear babies cry, I watch them grow; They'll learn much more than I'll ever know.  
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world. And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.*

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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.

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	online 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 for Peace	Sanctuary
Saturday, November 11 @ 11 am	Remembrance Day Service	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.

## **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**

### **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.

## **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 if you would like to join the group, you will be very welcome.

## **Yoga in the Sanctuary**

**October 30, 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.

## **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.*

### **Next Sunday - Guest Preacher Rev. Yolanda Norton**

**November 5**

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.

## **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.

## **Remembrance Day Service**

**Saturday, November 11, 11 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 Reveille, played by Chris Morrison, trumpet.

## **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](mailto: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](http://affirmingconnections.com).

If you would like to be a Knox Host for the event, please email [sforsyth@kxcalgary.com](mailto: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](mailto:careyabarrett@gmail.com).

## **UPCOMING CONCERT: A REMEMBRANCE DAY TRIBUTE**

**“Lest We Forget: A Concert for Peace” – featuring singer Michael Hope**

**Sunday, Nov 5 @ 1:00 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 “Jerusalem,” 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.**

## **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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