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**October 8, 2023**

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

**Music Director:** Chellan Hoffman

**Musicians:** Knox Choir **Reader:** Roman Sizer

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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** *Bell Fanfare: “Now Thank We All Our God”* arr. T. Beck

**A Thanksgiving Medley**

arr. Mark Himmelman

**Ringers:** Kat Hammer, Steve Miller, Chris Morrison, Rosalee Morrison, Pat Place, David Westwick, Janet Zarka

**Flute:** Gerrit Voordouw

**Piano:** Chellan Hoffman

**WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**\*HYMN** “For the Beauty of the Earth” (words: VU 226 / tune: VU 81)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: For this new day, we give thanks.

**All: For the change in seasons and the cooler weather, we give thanks.**

One: For a season that invites us into change, we give thanks.

**All: For the fall colours, the leaves falling, and the shorter days, we give thanks.**

One: For all of this and so much more,

**All: We give our thanks and praise.**

Let us pray.

**God of bounty and lavish extravagance, we give thanks for your loving presence with us. In our haste and hurry, in our focus and determination, sometimes we forget to take time for gratitude. Slow us down to take in all of the goodness that surrounds us. In gratitude we gather today. 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.**

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**Open our hearts.**

**GRATITUDE AND REFLECTION**

**HYMN      "We Plough the Fields" (verse 1) VU 520**

**READING    Psalm 107: 8-9**

**QUIET REFLECTION**

**COMMUNITY REFLECTION**

**HYMN      "We Plough the Fields" (verse 2) VU 520**

**READING    "A Song of Praises" by Robert Siegel**

**QUIET REFLECTION**

**COMMUNITY REFLECTION**

HYMN      “We Plough the Fields” (verse 3) VU 520

**PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE**

**ANTHEM**    **Blue Green Hills of Earth, from *Missa Gaia***    music: Kim Oler

**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: Hymns from the Heart**

**played by Gerrit Voordouw, flute**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” VU 236**

**\*BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE *Larghetto and Allegro* from Sonata No. 7, Op. 11, No. 1 G.F. Handel**

Gerrit Voordouw, flute; Chellan Hoffman, piano

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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)

Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)

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)

William Brook (VST student, seminary intern)

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## **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

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

Today @ 9:30 am	Bible Study	Library
Today @ 11:45 am	Knox Giving Program Meeting	Boardroom
Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving: Building and Office Closed	
Wednesday, October 11 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, October 15 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study	Library
Sunday, October 15 @ 12:00 noon	Membership Class/Conversation	Library
Wednesday, October 18 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth
Wednesday, October 18 @ 7:00 pm	Church Council	Boardroom
Thursday, October 19 @ 7:00 pm	A Spire on Fire - Cabaret	Sanctuary
Friday, October 20 @ 7:00 pm	A Spire on Fire - Cabaret	Sanctuary
Sunday, October 22 @ 12:00 noon	Membership Class/Conversation	Library
Wednesday, October 25 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, October 29 @ 11:45 am	Discover Knox Tour	Sanctuary
Saturday, November 4 @ 9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Affirming Leader's Day	Knox

### **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**

#### **Sermon series - Remembering Who We Are**

Our culture is really good at telling (in implicit and explicit ways) us who we are and how we should relate to others. We hear these narratives through social media, friends and family, politicians and many other sources. Sometimes we hear "we're not good enough," "there isn't enough for everyone," "some are better than others." What is the narrative God invites us into? What do our sacred texts tell us? For the next several weeks, drawing mostly from Paul's Letters to the Corinthians, we will reflect and remember who we are as God's beloved people.

## **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.

## **Stewardship Planning**

**11:45 am, October 8, Boardroom**

This year, the 2024 Stewardship Giving Program will run from Oct 22-Nov. 17, 2023. In anticipation of this event, all interested Congregation members are welcome to attend the 2024 Stewardship Giving Program after Church in the Boardroom on October 8, 2023. The meeting will be an hour in length. Knox's financial needs for 2024 will be introduced and you are invited to bring ideas, humour, and conversations to the meeting!

## **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**

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.

## **COMING UP AND ONGOING**

### **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](mailto:strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com).

## **Children's Handbells**

**During the service, October 15, 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).

## **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.*

## **A Spire on Fire - Cabaret**

**October 19 & October 20, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary**

Knox Sanctuary will be the venue for "A Spire on Fire", part of the Springboard Fluid Movement Arts Festival 2023. Each evening will feature two acts. Knox's participation has been pioneered by [Keith Murray](#). Tickets can be purchased directly from Springboard at <https://springboardperformance.com/programs/fluid-fest-2023>, or from Showpass at: <https://www.showpass.com/a-spire-on-fire-cabaret-of-the-holy-other-presented-by-springboards-fluid-fest/>

Springboard Performance is a non-profit organization devoted to connecting artists, audiences, the body and the mind through physical contemporary creation and public space manipulation. It provides opportunities to artists to risk, learn, create, perform and connect with a local and national community.

Springboard was incorporated in 1988 by a group of Calgary dancers and choreographers who wanted to create opportunities to develop and perform their own work. Under the original name, Springboard Dance Collective, the company produced shows and offered classes and workshops to the community. Springboard continues to build on its 30-year history. producing and presenting physical based contemporary creation in Calgary, Alberta.

We need volunteer hosts for these two events. If you would like to be a host please sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Sue in the office [sforsyth@kxcalgary.com](mailto:sforsyth@kxcalgary.com)

## **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 sign up at the Welcome Table or email [sforsyth@kxcalgary.com](mailto:sforsyth@kxcalgary.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](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 (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 the church office ([office@kxcalgary.com](mailto: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.



## **Follow Knox on Social Media!**

Check out our refreshed WEBSITE at [www.kxcalgary.com](http://www.kxcalgary.com)

FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/KnoxYYC>

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