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Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Musicians:** Knox Choir
Reader: Ann Farebrother

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.

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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 Wesley), 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 *"Air" from **Orchestral Suite No. 3*** J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***OPENING HYMN** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* VU 333

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Love circles around.

All: Joining us together.

One: Connecting us in new ways, flowing freely.

All: Love circles around,
One: Never giving up,
All: Always reaching out.
One: Love circles around,
All: And God's love embraces all.

(adapted from Larry Peacock, *Sourcebook of Worship Resources*, Canton, Ohio: 1994)

Let us pray.

God, the source of love and light, we gather today seeking that love again. In the music, in the prayers, in the conversation, in the community, let us feel your wide love with us and within us. Let us live in the way of love today. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***GATHERING SONG "Draw the Circle Wide" MV 145 (refrain, sung twice)**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side . . .
Draw the circle wide.**

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13

ANTHEM "Beloved" Mark Miller

You are my beloved, you are my child, and I will be with you always, yes I will.
When you see the lightning flashes, and you hear the thunder roll,
Just remember my promise, "Peace, be still."
God go with me, God stay by me;
Give me comfort through the night, 'til the dawn of morning light.
When you sense the storm is passing, and you pause, look to the sky.
Through the rain you'll see the rainbow.
God go with me, God stay by me;
Through the darkness of the night; through the dawn of morning light.
You are my beloved, you are my child, and I will be with you always,
Yes I will, yes I will. Yes, "I Am."

REFLECTION "Remembering Who We Are: Beloved"

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

HYMN

“Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire” VU 372

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

CANDLELIGHTING, PRAYERS 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.

Music: There is a Balm in Gilead arr. Mary K. Sallee

***CLOSING HYMN All You Need is Love** words and music: John Lennon and Paul McCartney

ALL: Love, love, love / Love, love, love / Love, love, love

VERSES:

1. *There's nothin' you can do that can't be done
Nothin' you can sing that can't be sung
Nothin' you can say, but you can learn how to play the game, it's easy*

2. *Nothin' you can make that can't be made
No one you can save that can't be saved
Nothin' you can do, but you can learn how to be you in time, it's easy*

**All you need is love, All you need is love
All you need is love, love; Love is all you need (Repeat)**

3. *There's nothin' you can know that isn't known
Nothin' you can see that isn't shown
There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be, it's easy*

**All you need is love, All you need is love
All you need is love, love; Love is all you need (Repeat)**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE “La Réjouissance” from *Music for the Royal Fireworks* G. F. Handel

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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)

MUSIC NOTES: Mark A. Miller is the composer of the anthem today, entitled “Beloved.” Mark is a music graduate of Yale University and Julliard. He is an Assistant Professor of Church Music at Drew Theological School, a Lecturer in the Practice of Sacred Music at Yale University, and also Minister of Music of Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey. **Mark believes passionately that music can change the world.** He also believes in Cornell West’s quote that ‘Justice is what love looks like in public.’ His dream is that the music he composes, performs, teaches and leads will inspire and empower people to create the beloved community.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Today @ 9:30 am	Bible Study	Library
Today @ 11:30 am	Discover Knox Tour	Sanctuary
Today @ 11:30 am	Stewardship Giving Program	Boardroom
Monday, September 25 @ 3:30 pm	English Language Learning	Theatre
Tuesday, September 26 @ 6:00 pm	Book Club (in person and on-line)	Boardroom
Wednesday, September 27 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth
Thursday, September 28 @ 3:30 pm	English Language Learning	Theatre
Sunday, October 1 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study	Library
Sunday, October 1 @ 11:30 am	Oktoberfest Lunch	Gym
Sunday, October 1 @ 11:45 am	Knox Giving Program Meeting	Library
Monday, October 2	Office Closed	
Wednesday, October 4 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, October 8 @ 11:45 am	Knox Giving Program Meeting	Boardroom
Wednesday, October 11 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth

Making Sacred Connections: Worship

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.

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.

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.

Pre-Service Bible Study, 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.

Making Sacred Connections: Building Community

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.

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.

Concert season

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.*

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30 and October 1

We encourage everyone to mark this important day by engaging in activities that promote further work in truth and reconciliation. Watch your email for links to city-wide events. On October 1, Rev. Tony Snow will lead worship.

WEEKLY Opening up the Sanctuary - Volunteers Needed 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 (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) or the church office (office@kxcalgary.com).

WEEKLY Volunteers Required for Newcomers' English at Knox

English classes (session two) for refugees and immigrants begin tomorrow. This session's classes are scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays for five weeks from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

A number of individuals have volunteered to assist in general, but the time has now arrived to make commitments for specific days. Although it is always difficult to prejudge how many volunteers are required for a particular day, too many volunteers are usually better than too few. Volunteers become increasingly important as the number of learners having little skill in English arrive with numerous others having relatively good English skills.

Please remember that as a volunteer, you need not commit to assisting in five weeks of classes. Assisting with only one or two classes would be appreciated. Don't be deterred by lack of knowledge. A volunteer's major requirement is a caring attitude ... together with personal qualities of kindness, understanding, and empathy. Some newcomers are emotionally fragile having suffered severe trauma and are happy to simply find a listening ear. Your stress in this role should be minimal because all the materials and necessary assistance you require will be supplied.

You can indicate your willingness to assist by emailing Dennis at EnglishatKnox@gmail.com and indicating dates you are available. An effort will be made not to oversubscribe volunteers for any particular day.

WEEKLY Book Club in the Board Room and Online, Wednesdays, 6 pm

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.

We plan to meet weekly for 7 weeks on Tuesday evening from 6pm – 7pm in the Knox Boardroom and will also have zoom availability. Our first meeting is on September 12th. A few copies of the book are available from the Knox Office for a donation of \$5. We will aim to read 2 chapters per week and discuss at the meetings. Our first meeting will be an introduction to the author and each other.

Please contact Sue at the office on sforsyth@kxcalgary.com if you would like to join the group, you will be very welcome.

MONTHLY Discover Knox Session Our monthly informational tour will be on **September 24** 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.

Oktoberfest Luncheon - October 1, 11:45 am, Gym Mark your calendars for a time of fellowship and delicious food following the worship service. You are invited to bring a dessert to share.

MAKING SACRED CONNECTIONS - OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The 2024 Stewardship Giving Program: Sept. 24 & Oct 8, 2023

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 September, 24, 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! A follow-up meeting will be held October 8, 2023 in the Boardroom on Thanksgiving Sunday- a very appropriate day to discuss Thanksgiving to Knox! This will be a short meeting. See you then!

Tuning Up our Finances: Sunday, October 1

Jo-Anne Willment and Janet Zarka invite the Congregation to a conversation on Oct 1, 2023 to discuss the development of a Knox Giving Program extending over a 12-mth period. Stewardship would be one of the Programs lasting 4 weeks but other programs would also be developed. To do this requires a two-step process and your participation in this discussion is very much needed. This does *not* involve extra costs for Knox. The Knox after-church potluck luncheon will also be held on Oct 1, 2023 so the meeting will be held over good food! We welcome your attendance and discussion.

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