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April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders: Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis, Rev. Tony Snow, Keith Murray

Interim Music Director: Ethan Hill

Musicians: Knox Choir **Reader:** Susan Wood

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 Goodstoney), the Métis Nation (Calgary Elbow District), 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.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Selections from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Pam Rudd

PRELUDE

“Simple Gifts”

J. Wayne Kerr

Melody: I Danced in the Morning

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***OPENING HYMN**

“All Earth is Waiting”

Voices United 5

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Behold, how manifold are God's works!

All: God has made them all in wisdom.

One: The earth is God's and everything in it.

All: Let all of creation praise God's awesome deeds.

Let us pray.

As we gather, we are thankful for your Creation:

for light and darkness;

for air, wind, and sky;

for earth and sea;

for seeds, harvests, and plant life;

for sunlight, moonlight, and starlight;

for every living creature, swarming, flying, creeping, and grazing;

for our lives.

In our actions, meditations, and prayers, may we honour and celebrate your very good Creation, as we seek wisdom on how to share our gratitude and love in good and healing ways.

Amen.

Written by Alydia Smith. From Alydia Smith, ed., Act/Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis (Toronto: United Church Publishing House, 2023), p. 127.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

"Called by Earth and Sky"

More Voices 135

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pete Dennis

Graham Loudon-Khan

To the congregation:

Will you commit to support and nurture these persons and all who share in this ministry of Knox United? **We will, with God as our helper.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you into the membership of this community of faith. **We give thanks to God for your witness among us. Amen.**

ANTHEM

"We Are God's People"

Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE

John 10:11-18, First Nations Version

REFLECTION

Rev. Tony Snow

HYMN

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

Voices United 307

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 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.

CANDLE LIGHTING 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.

Thank you for your financial support. It costs \$45,000/month to operate Knox United Church. Your financial support helps sustain our buildings and helps us be an open space, a vibrant place, a place of sacred connections. Gifts can be made using this QR code or placed in an offering plate. We deeply appreciate your gifts.



***CLOSING HYMN**

“God of the Sparrow”

Voices United 229

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Truro”

J. Wayne Kerr

Melody: Christ Is Alive

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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!

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 Knox Staff & Volunteers

Minister: Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

Office Administrator: Sue Forsyth

Interim Director of Music: Ethan Hill

Sanctuary Preparation: Bob Benner

Rebell Ringers: Rosalee Morrison

Coffee Crew: Murray Songer/Vi Smith

Livestream/Video Operators: Carey Barrett/Rick Hand/Christopher Denman/Mirko Zatka

Vladimir Bodrug/Frank Lam

Indigenous Minister, Chinook Winds Region: Rev. Tony Snow

Seminary Intern, VST Student: Keith Murray

Caretakers: Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross

Sound Operators: Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller

Social Media: Roman Sizer

TODAY

Living in Respect with Creation Series

Throughout April, May and June, we will be reflecting on God's creation and how we can live with respect with creation and with one another. We invite you to step into the work by taking part in some of the events that will be scheduled, reading one of our suggested books (*The Company of Crows: A Backyard Year* by Margaret Renkl, *Act Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis* by Alydia Smith, taking the Indigenous Canada course (University of Alberta) online, go for a walk or a hike, paying attention to creation in new and intentional ways.

Pre-Service Bible Study/Conversation

Sundays, 9:30 am, Library

Join a small group for a conversation on 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.

Children's Handbells

Third Sundays of the month, 10:45 am, Handbell Room

All children are invited to come and begin learning the art of handbell ringing. The sessions are led by Janet Zatka, a ringer with our Knox Re-Bell ringers, and include basic skills in handbell ringing and techniques. No previous experience is necessary. We will meet in the Handbell Room during the worship service. Questions? Please email Christine at childrenstime@kxcalgary.com.

Sound Walk and Sit

Sunday, April 21, 11:45 am - 12:30 pm, Garden and Downtown Core

The term soundwalk refers to the act of turning one's attention to the aural experience of an environment. At any given moment, we are exposed to sounds of all kinds; from vehicles, cell phones, footsteps, to grumbly stomachs and even the blood running through our veins, there is an aspect to our world that rarely receives the same discriminate attention that our other senses might. In focusing on the auditory, we are in essence meditating; we are observing the stimuli around us and thus identifying them as an experience of the observer. To mark Earth Day, please join us for a Sound Walk or Sound Sit

(spending time in the Knox Garden). Ethan Hill will lead the walk and Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis will facilitate the Garden Sit. All are welcome!

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Today, 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Today, 11:45 am	Sound Walk and Sound Sit	Sanctuary
Monday, April 22, 2:00 pm	ReBell Ringers	Handbell Rm.
Monday, April 22, 5:00 pm	Earth Day Prayer Circle	Online
Monday, April 22, 5:30 pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary	Sanctuary
Wednesday, April 23, 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 pm	Choir	Labyrinth
Sunday, April 28, 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Sunday, April 28, 11:45 am	Discover Knox Tour	Sanctuary
Monday, April 29, 2:00 pm	ReBell Ringers	Handbell Rm.
Monday, April 29, 5:30 pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary	Sanctuary
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WEEKLY

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Message from Ethan: Musicians Wanted for Gathering Music!

Sundays, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

In my short time at Knox, it's become clear to me that our church is home to many talented musicians of varying levels, from beginner hobbyists to advanced players, and I would like to invite all of you to share your music during the Gathering Music portion of our Sunday worship services. This music is meant to provide a welcoming ambiance while the public is just starting to enter the church, beginning anywhere from 10 -10:15 am and ending before the official prelude begins around 10:25 am. If you're interested, please contact me in person or at ehill@kxcalgary.com to schedule your music.

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.

Choristers Wanted!

Rehearsals Wednesdays 7-9pm, Labyrinth

The Knox Choir is searching for new members to sing in weekly rehearsals and Sunday services. Our choir is an inclusive ensemble who performs many styles of music ranging from sacred classical to gospel, rock and pop. We meet Wednesdays from 7-9 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. Musical literacy is preferred but not required. Please email our Interim Music Director at ehill@kxcalgary.com to ask questions or express interest. We would love to have you!

Ringers Wanted!

Rehearsals Mondays, 2 pm, Handbell Room

The Re-Bell Ringers are looking for new members to join. No handbell experience is necessary, but reading music is required. If you would like to be a part of the ringers, please contact the church office at sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

UPCOMING AND MONTHLY

Earth Day Prayer Circle

Monday, April 22, 5:00 pm, online

All are invited to attend this important prayer circle hosted by Urban Indigenous Circle and For the Love of Creation. Rev. Tony Snow and others will be sharing in a time of reflection and acknowledgment of the climate crisis. <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/85359356983>

Yoga in the Sanctuary

April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13, May 27, 5:30-6:15 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. Sign up at the class or by emailing sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

Melanie Batycky began teaching yoga after dancing professionally with The San Francisco Ballet, Lines Ballet of San Francisco, and The Alberta Ballet. She currently holds her Level 1 Iyengar yoga certification. It is the depth of yoga that keeps her constantly searching and learning. She is truly grateful to have found yoga and loves sharing what she has learned, and continues to learn with her students. "The physical practice is really only part of truly knowing yoga. The philosophy of yoga can be practiced in each interaction in our lives, and actually lived. When we see ourselves and others as kind, loving, honest, authentic, and constantly turn our lives over to the higher power that is within each of us, that is when our lives change."

Calgary Alliance Celebration Dinner

Saturday, April 27, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Knox United

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. DEENA HINSHAW

OPENING REMARKS: MAYOR JYOTI GONDEK

TICKETS \$75/PERSON, \$400/TABLE OF 8

RSVP www.calgarycommongood.org/events, By April 21

We recognize that tickets for this event are expensive for the average person. There is a generous tax deduction with each ticket (a \$400 table nets a deduction of \$200, a \$75 ticket = \$50 deduction).

Five years ago, over 500 people came together at Knox United as we launched a new phase of public action. Then the pandemic lockdown began. The Alliance and the City of Calgary struggled. Still, we managed to accomplish some good things. A new emphasis on mental health resulted in the creation of one of the strongest research action teams of the Alliance, particularly concentrating on coping with the isolation of children and seniors during the pandemic, dealing with grief, and long-term mental issues exacerbated by the pandemic.

We believe that with hard work and perseverance, members of the Alliance can now concentrate on supporting our member organizations (Knox among them) and our city with effective, reflective and responsive action on your behalf. We need your support to celebrate the successes of the past and to look forward to future success. ***Deadline to purchase tickets is April 21st- don't miss out!***

Joining the Knox Community

Third Sunday of the month

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. If you are interested in joining in this way, please contact Sheena Trotter-Dennis at strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com.

Knox Foundation “Special Meeting”

Sunday, May 12, 11:45 am, Sanctuary

A Knox Foundation “Special Meeting” will be held on Sunday, May 12th, following the worship service for the purpose of considering a special resolution to amend the Knox Foundation Bylaws. After consultation with the United Church of Canada, the Knox Foundation Directors concluded that the change in the Foundation’s supervising authority from the Knox congregation to the Chinook Winds region incorporated in the “approved” bylaws in November, 2023 is not suitable. The Directors are proposing reverting to the accountability structure that was in place since the inception of the Foundation in 1987. A copy of the proposed by-laws will be available in the church office in advance of the meeting. Please direct your questions or concerns about the changes, to either David Westwick or the Foundation Directors prior to the meeting.

Monthly Potluck

First Sunday of the month, 11:30 am, Gym

Each month we join together for a time of fellowship and delicious food following the worship service. Bring food to share. All are welcome!

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. Meet in the front of the sanctuary at 11:45 am. Tours last about 30 minutes.

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Knox Weekly Email

Sign up to receive Knox's weekly email newsletter. The email is sent out on Friday and includes information about the Sunday service and other events. Email office@kxcalgary.com to get on the distribution list. Or, use this QR code.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Would You Like to Volunteer at Knox?

We are so grateful for the many volunteers who serve on administrative and programmatic committees, sing in the choir, replenish candles, serve as sanctuary hosts, make coffee and so much more! If you are looking for ways to plug-into the Knox community, there is a place for you! Please fill out a volunteer inventory sheet that you can find at the Welcome Table. This will let us know your interests and skills. You can leave your completed form at the table or place it in the offering plate.

Opportunity Knox

The primary role of Opportunity Knox (OK) is to ensure there is an open and transparent process for filling vacant volunteer leadership positions. We strive to provide applicants with knowledge of the position and to match skills and interests with available opportunities. The positions most likely to fall under the OK mandate are those requiring congregational approval, such as Council members, Trustees and leadership positions including Committee/Team Chairs.

Knox is looking for leaders to advance and evolve the mission of the church. There currently are 2 leadership positions available.

Council Secretary. This person is an active part of the Council and helps keep them organized by taking and keeping minutes and overseeing the official correspondence of the church. On average this position requires a volunteer commitment of approximately 5 hours per month.

Trustee. Knox Trustees are responsible for holding in trust and managing Knox Church properties and funds related to those properties. If you have an interest in investments and/or real estate management and would like to be included in a longer-term vision for the sustainability of our historic building, please consider joining this team. The term is 4 years with a time commitment for quarterly meetings and extra time as needs arise. You must also be a member of Knox or willing to become a member.

Knox Foundation Director. Knox Foundation is looking for leaders who will advance the mission of the Foundation and provide oversight of its assets on behalf of the congregation. Knox Foundation is an independent body that receives, holds and manages endowments and other funds. The Foundation's purpose is to grow its assets and provide Knox United Church with ongoing funds for the maintenance and capital expenses of the historical building, Casavant organ, and/or the Memorial garden over the long term. Directors meet an average of four times per year in addition to the Annual General Meeting. Term limits vary from one year to three years, but may be renewed. Directors must also be members of Knox United Church at the time of their appointment.

*For the latest Affirming Ministries Information: www.affirmingconnections.com

*For the latest Chinook Winds Reconciliation Information:

<https://chinookwindsregion.ca/indigenous-ministries/>

*For the latest Chinook Winds Region Information: www.chinookwindsregion.ca

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