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May 12, 2024 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader: Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis, Keith Murray

Interim Music Director: Ethan Hill

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 Tsuu'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 by the Beatles: *Let it Be, Yesterday, Blackbird, Here Comes the Sun*

David Westwick

PRELUDE

“Middlebury”

melody: Come Away to the Skies

David Evan Thomas

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***OPENING HYMN**

“Morning Has Broken”

Voices United 409

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

ALL: The subtle orange skies at dawn, the bold red skies at sunset.

ONE: The skies proclaim the work of God's hands!

ALL: The dancing aurora and the twinkling stars.

ONE: The beauty of God is seen above!

ALL: The air, moisture, the wind - all expressions of God's Spirit.

ONE: We celebrate the awesomeness of our vast sky.

ALL: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

Let us pray.

Creator and Creating God, we give thanks for the awe and wonder that your creation invokes. Help us to see your presence in the evening sky, your spirit in the wind, your mercy in the falling rain. Let us turn our eyes to the beauty that is above and around us. Amen.

***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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19:1-6

ANTHEM

"Heavenly Sunlight"

G.H. Cook

REFLECTION

"The Heavens are Telling"

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

HYMN

"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

More Voices 143

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.



Music:

“Si Bheag So Mhor”

Turlough O’Carolan

***CLOSING HYMN “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”**

Catherine Cameron

(tune from “All Who Hunger” Voices United 460)

God, who stretched the spangled heavens
Infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance
Through the silent fields of space:
We, your children in Your likeness
Share inventive powers with You;
Great Creator, still creating,
Show us what yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of
Since the childhood of our race;
Known the ecstasy of winging
Through untraveled realms of space,
Probed the secret of the atom,
Yielding unimagined power;
Facing us with life’s destruction
Or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
May it challenge us anew:
Children of creative purpose,
Serving others, honouring You.
May our dreams prove rich with promise;
Each endeavour will begun;
Great Creator, give us guidance
Till our goals and Yours are one.

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her” BWV 700

J.S. Bach

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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

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

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.

For a more complete list of announcements and events, please visit kxcalgary.com/announcements. There are also paper copies of the monthly announcements at the welcome table.



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.



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. The last group until the Fall will be May 19.

Children's Time

Today, 10:45 am, Library

There is a special time for children during our Sunday worship service. Children ages 3 and older are invited to participate in a time of story, craft, and recreation. The Children will start in the Sanctuary and move to the library. We are deeply grateful to Christine Sizer, who is volunteering to lead this program. If you have any questions, please contact childrenstime@kxcalgary.com.

Congratulations, Keith Murray!

We celebrate the graduation of Keith from Vancouver School of Theology! Keith has earned a Master of Divinity degree. Please join us for cake after the service!

Knox Foundation "Special Meeting"

Today, 11:45 am, Sanctuary

A Knox Foundation "Special Meeting" will be held today, 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.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Today, May 12, 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Today, May 12, 10:45 am	Knox Foundation Meeting	Sanctuary
Monday, May 13, 2:00 pm	ReBell Handbells	Handbell Rm
Monday, May 13, 5:30 pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary	Sanctuary
Wednesday, May 15, 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 pm	Choir	Labyrinth
Sunday, May 19, 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Monday, May 20	Office Closed	
Wednesday, May 22, 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 pm	Choir	Labyrinth

Sunday, May 26, 10:30 am	Kirkin' o' the Tartan	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 26, 11:45 am	Discover Knox Tour	Sanctuary
Monday, May 27, 2:00 pm	ReBell Handbells	Handbell Rm
Monday, May 27, 5:30 pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary	Sanctuary
Wednesday, May 29, 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Wednesday, May 29, 7:00 pm	Choir	Labyrinth

UPCOMING

Yoga in the Sanctuary

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.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

May 26, Sunday morning worship

The St. Andrew-Caledonian Pipers and Choir, under the direction of Robert Henderson, come to Knox to celebrate "Kirkin' of the Tartans" - which is a North American tradition of blessing the tartans. A tartan is a plaid cloth of distinct colours and patterns that denote a particular Scottish clan. This service will include a blessing and celebration of all families and cultures.

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 vision of the church. If you are interested in a position, please contact Diane Trimming or Betty Norman Bray through the church office.

Council Member-at-Large. This person is an active member of Council, working as a team member to advance the vision of Knox. Helpful skills and experience would include: leadership with strategic planning, project initiation and coordination, and overseeing the effective management of resources. It is expected the time commitment would be 5-6 hours per month with a renewal term of 3 years.

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