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April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Interim Music Director: Ethan Hill

Musicians: Knox Choir **Reader:** Patricia Place

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

Arioso by J.S. Bach

Siciliano BWV 1031 by J.S. Bach

Gigue by Arcangelo Corelli

Minuet from *Suite in A minor* by GP Telemann

Adagio from *Sonata for Flute and Piano* by Amalia von Preussen

Gerrit Voordouw

PRELUDE

“Cristo Vive”

Melody: *Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living*

Robert Buckley Farlee

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***OPENING HYMN** **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”** **Voices United 232**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God cradles the depths of the earth

All: And holds strongly the mountain peaks.

One: God spreads a morning light like a dove’s wings

All: And coats the flowers with glistening dew.

One: We are surrounded by glory.

All: Stunned by splendor.

One: Joyfully we sing praises;

All: Gladly we shout our joy.

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

Let us pray.

Holy mystery, Creating God, we give thanks for this fresh morning. We give thanks for the earth beneath our feet, the air in which we breathe and the creatures together with whom we share life. Open our hearts and our minds to hear your invitation today that we might walk gently, and in right relations, on the earth. 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

Exodus 3:1-15

ANTHEM

“Standing on Holy Ground”

Judy Pearson Hafso and Marc A. Hafso

REFLECTION

“Take Off Your Shoes ” Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

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. If you would like to receive a special blessing with oil, volunteers will be available on the right side of the sanctuary.

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**

“Called by Earth and Sky”

More Voices 135

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Noël nouvelet”

Mark Sedio

Melody: Now the Green Blade Rises

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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.

Children's Time

Second and Fourth Sundays of the month, 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.

Coloring packets are available every Sunday in the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to help yourself.

Discover Knox Tour

Today, 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.

Congratulations, Keith Murray!

We celebrate the graduation of Keith from Vancouver School of Theology! Keith has earned a Master of Divinity degree. The graduation livestream will be Tuesday, May 7 at 8:00 pm (MT). Knox will celebrate Keith on May 12. You can view the commencement service by going to vst.edu/convocation.

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, 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
Wednesday, May 1, 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 pm	Choir	Labyrinth
Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 pm	Affirming Ministries Network	Library
Sunday, May 5, 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
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UPCOMING

Yoga in the Sanctuary

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.

Affirming Network Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 7 pm- 9 pm, Library

All are invited and welcome to join the Affirming Network meeting. Knox will host members of other Affirming Calgary congregations. All are welcome.

English Language Learning Classes

Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

A new session of English classes for newcomers will begin at Knox on May 1. To conveniently accommodate more students, the schedule during May and June will change from Tuesday afternoons to Wednesday evenings between 5:30 PM and 8:30 PM. At the present time, we are very pleased to have an adequate number of excellent volunteer assistants. However, if you are interested in serving as

an occasional substitute assistant or would like more information on this outreach program, please email englishatknox@gmail.com.

Listening Session - Let Your Voice Be Heard

Sunday, May 5, 11:45 am, At the Potluck in the Gym

Did you know Knox is a proud member of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good? We're part of a movement where everyday people unite for positive change in our community! But we need YOUR voice. What do you want for our church, our neighborhoods, and our city? Susan, Holly, and Kent invite YOU to a special listening campaign. Share your stories, Your hopes and dreams! They are hoping to have their first listening campaign on May 5 at our potluck lunch. They are looking for 5 Knox members to join them at the Potluck for both lunch and conversation. It should take no more than an hour. Please let us know if you're up for this challenge! It would make a big difference to the work we are hoping to do with the Alliance.

Knox Financial Overview

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1:00 pm, Knox Board Room

For those non-financial people interested in learning more about the way Knox is spending our 2024 monthly budget revenues and expenses, we have invited Janet Zakta, our Knox Council Treasurer to give us a brief presentation. This one-hour session will provide us with an overview of our current situation and we will have time for a Q&A discussion. Bring your coffee, tea and questions and join us for this informal conversation.

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.

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