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**August 13, 2023**

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**Worship Leader:** Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

**Music Director:** Chellan Hoffman

**Cantors:** Members of the Knox Choir

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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 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 “Grouse Mountain Lullaby”** Stephen Chatman; arr. Scott Hyslop

♥ see page 5 for notes about today's music

**WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**\*OPENING HYMN “I Feel the Winds of God Today” VU 625**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God, you create a space for us to discover your love:

**All: Trees, to stretch our eyes to the heavens;**

One: Flowers, to see the beauty within;

**All: Waves, to hear the constant flow of grace;**

One: Grass, to dance in barefooted delight;

**All: Stars, to carry us into awe;**

One: Each other, to point out the blessings

**All: God, we give thanks for this wild space.**

Let us pray.

**For wild places, we give thanks. For trails and paths that lead us deep within ourselves, we give thanks. Give us the courage to take the first steps into the unknown. Walk with us as we travel into new destinations and show us the way. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

**And also with you. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

**Dance with the Spirit**

Dance with the spi - rit ear - ly in the morn - ing, —

Walk with the spi - rit through - out the long day. **Work and hope** for a

new life a - born - in'; **Lis - ten** to the spir - it to show you the way.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Jeremiah 6:16**

**REFLECTION “Lessons from the Trail: Choosing the Wild” Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis**

**HYMN “Each Blade of Grass” MV 37**

## 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 AND OFFERING

*You are invited to light a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Candles are lit as a symbol of remembrance, celebration, gratitude, prayer. Please take this opportunity to make an offering online or in person at the candle table. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.*

**Music: II. Cantabile "Mountains and Hills..." Rachel Laurin, Canadian**  
*from Petite Suite sur un Motet de Gerald Bales "Let the Earth Celebrate the Lord"*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    **“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”**    **VU 633**

**\*BLESSING**

POSTLUDE    *“Pisgah” from Organ Book of American Folk Hymns*    arr. Dale Wood

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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)	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)

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**In Loving Memory**

It is with sad news that long time Knox member **Ernie Hutchinson** passed away peacefully on July 27th, 2023, in Victoria, BC, after several weeks of deteriorating health. He was born in Calgary on April 12, 1927. At Knox United, Ernie volunteered his time as a Trustee, a member of the Ministry & Personnel Committee, and also shared his legal expertise as he served on the committee that sold the air rights to Knox. He is survived by his wife Doreen.

**The following is an excerpt taken from Ernest Hutchinson’s obituary published online by *The Times Colonist* from Aug. 4 to Aug. 6, 2023.**

*Ernie enjoyed a long and distinguished legal career. After graduation in 1952 from the University of Alberta with a degree in law, he joined the firm of Porter Allen & MacKimmie (later MacKimmie Matthews) in Calgary, where he practised for 32 years. He was closely involved with the Calgary branch*

*of the Canadian Bar Association and the Law Society of Alberta, serving terms as President with both. In 1985, Ernie was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, where he sat until the mandatory retirement age of 75. He particularly enjoyed the camaraderie of his fellow judges.*

*For many years Ernie and Doreen had a seaside home in the North Saanich area of Vancouver Island. They made the island their full-time home in 1999, and moved to Victoria's Berwick Royal Oak retirement community in 2021.*

*Ernie was a man of integrity, compassion, and wit. He died with his clarity and sense of humour intact, and expressing his usual concern for others. His final words were "I love you. Cheer up!" We will cherish his memory.*

♥ **MUSIC NOTES:** Today's music selections reflect the sermon theme "choosing the wild."

The hymns speak about facing adventure and challenge (I Feel the Winds of God Today), encountering and appreciating the vastness and variety of nature (Each Blade of Grass), and finding faith and God's presence on the roads we travel (Bless Now, O God, the Journey).

The titles of the instrumental music all have a "mountain" in the title.

**I. The prelude, "Grouse Mountain Lullaby"** is by Canadian composer Stephen Chatman, and spotlights the famous mountain on the north side of Vancouver, which is a welcomes adventurers, and is also home to a wildlife refuge. The top of the mountain offers views of the Vancouver cityscape, the Douglas firs covering the mountainside, neighbouring peaks, the Pacific Ocean, inlets, bays, and the Gulf Islands.

**II. The candlelighting music, "Mountains and Hills,"** is a movement from the suite "Let the Earth Celebrate the Lord," by Canadian (Ottawa) award-winning composer, Rachel Laurin. The music is mysterious and expansive. ♥ Rachel is living with stage 4 cancer – please keep her in your prayers.

**III. The postlude, "Pisgah" – פִּסְגָּה –** is a Hebrew word in the Bible that literally means "summit." In the Book of Deuteronomy, God tells Moses to stand atop Mount Pisgah to see the Promised Land. This region lies east of the Jordan River and northeast of the Dead Sea. In the context of this music, Pisgah was the name given to this American folk hymn melody, first published in the *Sacred Harp*, 1859. The melody is set to interesting rhythms and harmonies by American composer Dale Wood.

## **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

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

TODAY – Sunday, August 13

Garage Sale

Gym

Wednesday, August 16 @ 12:30 pm

Worship: Connection and Reflection

Labyrinth

*Please note: The church building and office will close at 4 pm during August.*

## Making Sacred Connections: Worship

### **WEEKLY Connection and Reflection (Wednesday Worship):**

**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.

## Making Sacred Connections: Building Community



**NEEDED 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 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)).

## **NEEDED English Language Learning Classes for Newcomers have begun at Knox**

Thank you to the volunteers assisting with these classes at Knox! **We could still use a few more individuals for certain Mondays and Thursdays between 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM.**

Please note that the volunteer submission form on the Knox website has had some glitches, and some volunteer offers have not come through. Therefore, an option would be to **simply email EnglishatKnox@gmail.com with your offer to assist.** Your email will open the necessary lines of communication. This may be a good time to consider stepping out of your comfort zone and giving this opportunity some consideration.

## **THANK YOU From the Knox Treasurer**

The days are getting shorter, and our summer is beginning to wind towards fall. Thank you to all who financially supported Knox over the past couple of months, while taking time away to enjoy summer adventures and downtime. Our online services continue to offer the opportunity to be spiritually present from wherever you are. As our work at Knox continues, planning has begun for programming in the fall with so much more to look forward to. Your gifts are received with gratitude, and we thank you for supporting the vibrant ministry at Knox. May the remaining days of summer be safe and restful.

### **Donating to Knox over the summer:**

- Through the website: [kxcalgary.com](http://kxcalgary.com). Click the "Donate" button to donate online through [ChurchCenter.com](http://ChurchCenter.com) and PayPal
- The QR code during the online services links to the Donate page on the website
- Interac e-Transfer (email address: [donate@kxcalgary.com](mailto:donate@kxcalgary.com))
- PAR (pre-authorized remittance), post-dated cheques or to request a set of personal donation envelopes to use throughout the year, please contact the church office at 403-269-8382.
- Mail a cheque payable to: **Knox United Church**, 504 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Calgary AB T2P 1S7

\*\* Income Tax Receipts for the total of all donations during 2023 will be issued before the end of February 2024.

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## **THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS for AMA'HNA'BINO (SOBERCREW WALK)**

I will make a full report for the fall newsletter but I want to give a shout out to some special Knox people who helped make the AMA'HNA'BINO walk such a success.

To Sheena, thank you for all you did to help set up the meals with the different churches. It all came together beautifully in the end. Also thank you for your support – it helped me immensely to know you had my back.

To Carey, thank you for staying overnight and making sure our church stayed safe, for making morning coffee, and for making the little group feel special.

To Rod, thank you for all your hard work – running up and down the stairs, filling and emptying the floaties and giving me a chance to have a much needed nap.

To Bob Benner and Murray Songer – thank you for being willing to come to my rescue.

Also a very special thank you to Jampa and Justin, our two wonderful custodians. The crew said to say a special thank you for making sure their belongings were safe when they were away; for the clean bathrooms; and for helping make sure the beds were set out and ready to go when coming in from a long, tiring day. We could not have done it without you.

Blessings to all of you and my deepest gratitude for your help.

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