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**June 11, 2023**

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**Worship Leader:** Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis  
**Music Director:** Chellan Hoffman **Knox United Choir**  
**Cantors:** Ian Kennedy, Elissa Cundy **Reader:** Karen Harrison

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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 “My Heart’s in the Highlands”** sung in Gaelic and English  
Tune: *Failte na Miosgis*, Scottish Words: Robbie Burns  
**“Be Thou My Vision”** sung in Gaelic and English  
Tune: *Slane*, Irish Words: based on Middle Irish poem attr. Dallán Forgaill  
**The St. Andrew-Caledonian Choir (Beth Ann Friesen, director & accompanist)**

## **WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**PIPERS’ PROCESSION “Highland Cathedral”** Music: Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb  
Featuring St. Andrew-Caledonian Pipers, Choir, with organ

**\*OPENING HYMN “ Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come from many backgrounds, places, cultures and communities.

**All: We gather together celebrating our diversity.**

One: We come speaking different languages and having different traditions.

**All: All are welcome and are valued in this place.**

One: God delights in the wideness of creation.

**All: Let us embrace and celebrate our sacred uniqueness.**

Let us pray.

**We give thanks for the diversity in our world - for the wide spectrum of humanity. We give thanks for the extravagant ways we are created and for the infinite expressions of God’s creation. Today we celebrate all who make up our community - past and present. We give thanks for the ways each person who walks through our doors shapes us and invites us into more openness. Open our hearts so that we might see each person’s sacred worth. 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** Mark 4:30-32

**REFLECTION** Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

*\*series based on "Short Stories by Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine*

**HYMN** Verse 1 only - "God of Many Faces" - see insert Tune: SLANE, Irish  
– a song from the new hymnal "Songs for the Holy Other," published by THE HYMN SOCIETY in US & Canada   
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**REFLECTION** Robert Henderson

**HYMN** Verse 2 only - "God of Many Faces" - see insert

**REFLECTION** Ricardo Moraes-Pinto

**HYMN** Verse 3 only - "God of Many Faces" - see insert

**REFLECTION** Karen Harrison

**HYMN** Verse 4 only - "God of Many Faces" - see insert

**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: Hallelujah Leonard Cohen**  
sung in Gaelic and English by the St. Andrew-Caledonian Choir

### **\*CLOSING HYMN New Patterns of Loving - see insert**

Tune: St. Denio (Welsh) Words: Barbara Hamm

– a song from the new hymnal “Songs for the Holy Other,” published by THE HYMN SOCIETY in US & Canada –

### **\*BLESSING**

**PIPER’S POSTLUDE Amazing Grace** Tune: NEW BRITAIN, Appalachian folksong  
Featuring St. Andrew-Caledonian Pipers, Choir, with organ

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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)  
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)  
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## MUSIC NOTES

**TODAY Kirkin' of the Tartans** - We welcome the St. Andrew-Caledonian Pipers (Robert Henderson, director), and Choir (Beth Ann Friesen, director), who bring to Knox the celebration of Scottish heritage in North America: "The Kirkin' of the Tartans" or  **blessing the tartans**.

**The music today celebrates Scottish and Gaelic traditions, all families, belonging, Pride Month, and the parable of the Mustard Seed.**

This morning, we sang two 'heritage' hymns with familiar tunes, but fitted with new, thoughtful, and inspiring words about love, families, and belonging. They were sourced from a **new hymnal called *Songs for the Holy Other*** designed by the Hymn Society of the USA and Canada, and introduced to Knox by Keith Murray, our seminary intern. This hymnal is a welcome and exciting addition to Knox's repertoire of congregational music and encourages us to "Sing a New [and Inclusive] Song." Included below is the Project Description of this ground-breaking hymnal, in the words of its creators:

*"Songs for the Holy Other* aims to provide congregations, working to dismantle these walls, with a toolbox of hymns by and for those who identify as members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, transgender, nonbinary, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, aromantic, two-spirit, and other sexual/gender minority (LGBTQIA2S+) community and their allies. For many members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, assimilation is not an option; we continue to be othered for our identities, relationship-styles, dis/abilities, race, economic status, and more. The title, *Songs for the Holy Other* is a self-conscious claiming of otherness as holy and beloved of God. We who have been labeled as "wholly other" are claiming our holiness, and reclaiming our otherness as a prophetic witness to the church.

The gifts God has given us are not in spite of our otherness, our queerness, our LGBTQIA2S+ identities, but rather our identities are inextricably tied up in our God-given gifts, and are, in and of themselves, a gift to the church, as we reflect the rainbow diversity of God's creation."

## Upcoming Sundays: Special Themes and Guest Musicians

**June 18** Celebrating **Neighbour Day** (June 17) and commemorating the **10th Anniversary of the 2013 Calgary Flood**, the **Knox ReBell Ringers** play “Where Everybody Knows Your Name” - theme from *Cheers*; and members of the **Knox Presbyterian Choir** join Knox to sing “We Will Be a Shelter” and “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”.

**July 9 and 16 Stampede Time!** Only in Calgary do we have an extra **liturgical season called Stampede Sunday 1 and Stampede Sunday 2**. Join us for some **fun gospel music** on both of these Sundays. Donning cowboy hats and western wear is highly encouraged! If you have any favourite old-time hymns you’d like to sing on these dates, let our music director know. [choffman@kxcalgary.com](mailto:choffman@kxcalgary.com)

## **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

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

Wednesday, June 14 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, June 11 @ 11:45 am	Knox Foundation	Board Room
Sunday, June 11 @ 11:45 am	AV Team	TBA
Sunday, June 25 @ 11:45 am	Discover Knox	Front of Sanctuary
Friday, July 7 @ 8:00 am	Stampede Parade	In front of the church

## **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.

**WEEKLY New Sermon Series: Short Stories by Jesus** Starting June 4, for six weeks, our themes and reflections will draw heavily from scholar Amy-Jill Levine and her book, “Short Stories by Jesus.” Amy-Jill Levine is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace. Each week we will look at a different parable (stories Jesus told to make a point) and what it might be inviting us into today.

**NEEDED Scripture Readers and Land Acknowledgement** We are looking for a cross-section of people from across our congregation to read scripture on Sunday mornings and to do our land acknowledgement. No previous experience is necessary - all readings are assigned ahead of time.

## **Making Sacred Connections: Building Community**

**MONTHLY Discover Knox** Our monthly informational tour will be on June 25 following the Sunday morning worship service. All are invited to take a behind-the-scenes tour of some of the building and hear more about the Knox community.

### **Calling All Stampede Parade Lovers!**

Skip the early wake up call, leave the lawn chair at home, and avoid the rush to get a front stage seat to the Calgary Stampede parade in support of a historic church who needs the communities help to stay afloat!

#### **Seating ticket & goodies**

For \$40+fees a chair with a front-and-center view of the Calgary Stampede parade will be reserved for you along with up to 2 "kid seats" on the curb in front of you. Kids must be 10 years old or younger.

With ticket purchase, you'll get access to:

- A reserved seat with a front-and-center view
- Up to two "kid seats" in front of your seat on the sidewalk
- Bathroom access
- Drink of choice for you along with up to two kids (coffee, water bottle or juice box)
- Take away pastry for you along with up to two kids
- Secured stroller parking

Tickets will be sold on Eventbrite soon!

**NEEDED Affirming Ministries Team Leader** We are looking for a person to lead our Affirming Team and help Knox continue to be an open and affirming place for all. If you are interested in this position, please send Betty Norman Bray or Dianne Trimming a note through the church office: [office@kxcalgary.com](mailto:office@kxcalgary.com).

**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 email the church office ([office@kxcalgary.com](mailto:office@kxcalgary.com)).

**NEEDED Garage Sale - Jewels for Jesus** We are having a fundraising garage sale so are looking for donations. Please bring your donations to the church and leave them outside the office and we will store them until we are ready to set a date.

## **Making Sacred Connections: Learning and Growing Together**

### **Kiitaamoko Passkaan (Everybody Dance) Powwow**

**Saturday, June 17, 1-5 pm, J.J. Bowlen Greenspace**

This high-energy event and community celebration showcases vibrant Indigenous culture, song and dance. This will be a Traditional Powwow where invited traditional dancers and drum groups will showcase their talents and culture and where everyone is invited to join in and dance!

Held during National Indigenous History Month, our Powwow will unite the community on Neighbour Day and create a safe place for celebration, cultural connection and education.

If you've never experienced the sounds and colours of the Traditional Powwow, this is your chance.

We hope you will join the dance and experience the heartbeat of the drum!

More details: <https://innfromthecold.org/powwow/>

### **2023 Aboriginal Awareness Week Opening Ceremonies**

June 19th: 11:45 am -1:30 pm, Free and open to all at the Calgary Stampede Elbow River Camp

Featuring Entertainment by:

Sofia Eaglehead Baptiste, Taylor Dumais, Walter MacDonald White Bear, LeDelle Kequahtoway, The Blackfoot Confederacy Drum Group, and Anthony & Nakeana Clearsky

Also available online live at: [www.honouringmotherearth.com](http://www.honouringmotherearth.com)

### **Campfire Chats: A Celebration of Indigenous Music**

June 21, 2023, 4 - 6 p.m., Heritage Park Plaza (free to attend)

In honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, the University of Calgary invites you to the 8th annual Campfire Chats: A Celebration of Indigenous Music.

Join us and Heritage Park in a celebration of Indigenous culture through live music and performances. Performers include Craig Ginn, Métis recording artist and UCalgary professor, Olivia Tail Feathers, traditional singer/songwriter from the Blood Tribe/Kainai Nation, Sandra Sutter, Cree Métis recording artist, and Rod Hunter and his drum group Eya-Hey Nakoda from Stoney Nakoda Nation.



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