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June 25, 2023

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

*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 *Canadian Floral Emblems* **Beverley McKiver**
I. Lady Slipper II. Trillium III. Prairie Crocus

McKiver is an accomplished Anishinaabe composer, whose compositions explore themes of connection to the land, identity, and recovery of Indigenous knowledge. (beverleymckiver.com)

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***OPENING HYMN “As a Fire is Meant for Burning” VU 578 (sung to tune HYMN TO JOY VU 232)**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us give thanks for the abundance of creation.

ALL: A sun to brighten each moment and warm each living cell;

One: An ocean, graceful in moonlight, yet roaring with power and swimming with life;

ALL: Abundant flowers with delicate petals, beautiful smells and awesome beauty;

One: Mountains, rising from the prairies, snow covered and beckoning us home.

ALL: Gifts beyond compare. We come in gratitude for all that we have.

Let us pray.

God of generosity and extravagance, we give thanks for all that we have been given. Help us to live your generosity in the world - expand our generosity so that all might live abundantly. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Dance with the Spirit



SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:1-16

REFLECTION **“Contagious Generosity”** **Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis**
**series based on “Short Stories by Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine*

HYMN **“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”** **MV 10** (tune: Westminster Abbey VU 678)

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: Over the Rainbow **Harold Arlen**
Ricardo Moraes-Pinto, soprano sax; Chellan Hoffman, piano

***CLOSING HYMN** **“Now Thank We All Our God”** **VU 236**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Allegro, from Three Postludes** **Denis Bédard**

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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:

Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)
Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross (caretaker)
Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)
Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator)
Keith Murray (VST student, seminary intern)

Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

HEARING ASSISTANCE

If you require additional hearing assistance, headsets are available. They can be picked up in the back of the sanctuary or by asking a greeter. After the service, please return the headsets to their original location.

Upcoming Sundays: Special Themes and Guest Musicians

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 favorite old-time hymns you'd like to sing on these dates, let our music director know. choffman@kxcalgary.com

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Today	@ 11:45 am	Discover Knox	Front of Sanctuary
Wednesday, June 28	@ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
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 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

Today! 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.

Camp Caravan is coming to Knox United Church August 14 -18

Camp Caravan is a full-day summer camp program (9 am – 4 pm including lunch supervision) for children ages four to grade 6. Children will explore ways in which they can experience God’s love and “Follow the Spirit” in their everyday lives, all while building friendships and having fun. It is filled with epic learning experiences children will see, hear, touch, and even taste! Through small group activities, sharing stories and team-building games, everyone will be kept on the move, as we find creative ways to discover God’s love. Children will explore their faith through a variety of activities and media sources such as music, crafts/art, stories, games/ activities, science and themed snacks! All activities are facilitated by engaged and active leaders that are focused on making sure all children feel included and accepted for who they are. Join us on our journey to discover God’s exciting gifts and love

PROGRAM COSTS: one week 5 day camp \$125 per child

FOR REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION EMAIL: infocampcaravan@gmail.com

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.

NEEDED - Office Volunteers for Vacation Coverage

We are looking for volunteers to help in the office in July while Sue is intermittently away between July 15 - August 2. This would involve answering the phone, taking messages and being present in the office from 10 am - 2 pm, Monday to Friday. If you can do one or more days please contact Sue in the office @ 403-269-8382 or sforsyth@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 6th 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) or email the church office (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.

THANK YOU From the Knox Treasurer

Summer has officially arrived, and this past Wednesday, June 21, 2023, the Summer Solstice began. We look forward to adventures near and far, precious time with family and friends on patios and some straight up R&R. Our online services offer the opportunity to be spiritually present from wherever you are during the summer. Typically, offerings fluctuate over the summer months, and we invite you to continue your generosity even when you're not physically attending Knox. The past months have been incredibly busy at Knox - much has been accomplished with so much more to look forward to. Your gifts are received with gratitude and we thank you for supporting the ministry at Knox. Wishing everyone a safe, joyous, restful and wonderful summer.

Donating to Knox over the summer:

- Through the website: kxcalgary.com. Click the "Donate" button to donate online through 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)
- 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". Address: 504 -4th 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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