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May 21, 2023 – Easter 7

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

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 Wesley), the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta. The presence of the Treaty 7 flag reminds us of our treaty commitments and relationships.

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. We proudly display the Progress Pride flag.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE “**Sicilienne**” Mark Sirett (Canadian)
“**This is a Day of New Beginnings**” arr. Michael Burkhardt
* this arrangement is an introduction to our new opening hymn.

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN**

This is a Day of New Beginnings

Words: Brian Wren
Music: Carlton R. Young



1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re - mem - ber
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus, love's might - y Spir - it,
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and
4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and share what

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and move on, time to be - lieve what love___ is bring - ing,
now as then, can make for us a world___ of dif - frence,
leave be - hind, our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt,___ and griev - ing,
love can do. This is a day of new___ be - gin - nings;

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lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a - gain.
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
our God is mak - ing all things_____ new.

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is a day of new beginnings.

All: **Open our hearts to new people and new experiences.**

One: This is a day of new possibilities.

All: **Help us hear what might be possible.**

One: Today is a fresh start.

All: **Let us begin anew and live in hope.**

Let us pray.

For this season of Easter, we give thanks. For this season of new life, new possibilities, new creation, we give thanks. Open our ears to your renewing spirit. Help us hear your hopeful voice in the sounds around us - in children's voices, in birds chirping, in meaningful conversations, in songs running through our heads. May it be so. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.
And also with you. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Celtic Alleluia

Music: Christopher Walker / Fintan O'Carroll

The musical score for 'Celtic Alleluia' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '5', followed by the melody for the next two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with lyrics placed below the notes.

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SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:18-21

CHOIR ANTHEM “How Can I Keep From Singing?” arr. Rollo Dilworth

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn, that hails a new creation.
Above the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death knell ringing.
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell, or dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled. How can i keep from singing?

REFLECTION “Sensing Easter: Hearing Hope” Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

***HYMN “This is God's Wondrous World” VU 296**

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 quickly, Mother, Father, come;
Come quickly, 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: "Heaven Within"

Paul Halley (Canadian)

***CLOSING HYMN “How Great Thou Art” VU 238 (verses 1, 2 and 4)**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!” arr. Franklin Ashdown

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

♥ MUSIC NOTES:

We welcome the singers of Knox Presbyterian Choir and director Paul Grindlay to our service today. This is the third collaboration of the two “Knox” choirs since February, and we are thankful for the opportunity to create a larger choir and present a variety of choral music that enhances our worship services.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Monday, May 22 @ 7:00 pm	Living into our Commitments	On Zoom
Wednesday, May 24 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, May 28 @ 10:30 am	Pentecost Sunday (liturgical colour is red!)	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 28 @ 11:45 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 28	Discover Knox (postponed to June)	

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.

Truth and Reconciliation...Living into our Commitments

Indigenous Canada Course: As part of our continuation of the work of living into truth and reconciliation action, we invite you to take the **free Indigenous Canada course** through the University of Alberta. This is offered as an **on-line 12-lesson course** that you do at your own pace. It is taught from an Indigenous perspective and explores complex experiences Indigenous peoples face today from a historical and critical perspective highlighting national and local Indigenous-settler relations.

<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html>

Plus - Weekly Zoom Discussions: Conversations will take place weekly from 7 pm - 8 pm, through May 29. You do not need to attend every session. If you would like to receive the zoom link, email strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com.

Upcoming Sundays: Guest Musicians

June 11 The St. Andrew-Caledonian Pipers, 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.

June 18 Knox ReBell Ringers - celebrating Neighbour Day (June 17)

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 28, 11:45 am

A Congregational Meeting will be held to celebrate all we have accomplished this year, and to vote on the continuation of Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis' appointment to Knox. All are invited to attend this special meeting.

Discover Knox

Our monthly informational tour will not be held in May. We encourage all to attend our congregational meeting, May 28 at 11:45 am. Our next tour and information session will be on June 25.

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.

Healing Touch - Resurrecting our Healing Ministry

Knox Healing Ministry had been active here for over 20 years but was stopped by the pandemic. Our team offered healing sessions to the congregation and others. We have had more than 10 members at times in the past, but no one is giving treatments now. There has been interest in resurrecting our healing ministry.

What happens during a healing session? In theory, a healing practitioner uses various techniques to clear or otherwise affect the energy field of the recipient. A description which reflects the spiritual experience, voiced many years ago by Gladys Lane, is that it is like "being inside a prayer".

In order to begin again, **we need to know the answer to these two questions:**

(a) Would you like to receive a healing session?

(b) Would you be interested in attending a weekend course to learn the basics of energetic healing, the point of entry to being a member of our healing team

Please contact Elizabeth Campbell or Ricardo Moraes-Pinto through Sue at sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

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.

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