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Worship Leaders: Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis and Keith Murray

Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Reader:** Susan Wood

Musicians: Knox Choir

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 Goodstoney), 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 **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** Music: John Zundel; arr. Victor Labenske
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart Music: F. C. Atkinson; arr. V. Labenske

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

STEWARDSHIP SONG

God's Love Is Boundless NEW VISION

Text: Adam M. L. Tice
Music: Sally Ann Morris

1. God's love is bound-less; no depth and no height can plunge us in shadows or
2. There is no bor - der en - clos - ing God's love; no lim - it to test, no be-

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hide us from sight. No pre - sent, no fu - ture, no span is too far;
low, no a - bove. No cen - tre to strive for, no mar - gin to fear;

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God re-mains with us, wher - ev - er we are. _____
An - y - where, ev' - ry - where, God is still here. _____

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***OPENING HYMN** Let There Be Light VU 679

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called "beloved."

All: Let us remember, that means each of us.

One: We are called "beloved community."

All: Let us celebrate who we are together.

One: We are invited into sacred connections.

All: Let us walk with one another.

Let us pray.

God of community and connection, of relationships and loving kindness, we are here to remember that we are not alone. We are here to participate in beloved

community. We are here to learn from one another and to walk with one another in compassion and in peace. Be present with us in this place. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***GATHERING SONG "Open Our Hearts" MV 21**

Open our hearts, open our minds, open our lives to you, O loving God.
Open our hearts, open our minds, open our lives to you, O loving God.
Open our hearts.

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-13

REFLECTION "Sacred Connections" Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

HYMN When Quiet Peace is Shattered VU 615
New hymn: Choir introduces verse 1, then congregation sings verses 1, 2, 3.

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 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

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. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.

Music: Choral, Op. 37, No. 4 Joseph Jongen

***CLOSING HYMN** **When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides** **Words: MV 169**
Tune: Kingsfold, VU 625

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Postlude on “Kingsfold”** **arr. David Lasky**

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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)	Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)	Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross (caretakers)	Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)	Murray Songer and Vi Smith (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)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Today @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Monday, November 13	Office Closed	
Monday, November 13	No Yoga	
Tuesday, November 14 @ 6:00 pm	Book Study	Board Room and online
Wednesday, November 15 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Thursday, November 16, @ 1:00 pm	English Language Learning	Theatre
Sunday, November 19 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Sunday, November 19 @ 10:45 am	Children's Handbells	Labyrinth
Sunday, November 19 @ 11:45 am	Stewardship Celebration	Parlor
Monday, November 20 @ 5:15 pm	Yoga	Sanctuary
Tuesday, November 21 @ 6:00 pm	Book Study	Board Room and online
Wednesday, November 22 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Thursday, November 23, @ 1:00 pm	English Language Learning	Theatre
Sunday, November 26 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study/Conversation	Library
Sunday, November 26 @ 11:45 am	Knox Foundation Meeting	Parlour
Sunday, November 26 @ 11:45 am	Sanctuary Decorating	Sanctuary
Sunday, November 26	CANCELLED: 'Discover Knox' Tour	
Monday, November 27 @ 5:15 pm	Yoga	Sanctuary
Tuesday, November 28 @ 6:00 pm	Book Study	Board Room and online
Wednesday, November 29 @ 12:30 pm	Connection and Reflection	Labyrinth
Thursday, November 30, @ 1:00 pm	English Language Learning	Theatre

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. Thank you to Karen Harrison and Michael Malolos for hosting.

The 2023-2024 Knox Stewardship Giving Program:

Open Space. Vibrant Place. Sacred Connections.

The 2023-2024 Stewardship Giving Program kicked-off on October 22 and continues until November 19, 2023. Packages have been distributed by email this year but hardcopies are available at the Welcome Table at the back of the Sanctuary. We have come such a long way forward since October, 2022 and with your help we will continue to grow into new Knox services and opportunities in the months ahead.

To continue with this growth, we are asking for consideration for Stewardship Pledge donations for the 2023-2024 year. The cost of running Knox Church each month is \$48,000 and we use the Stewardship Program to finance these day-to-day operating costs. We are so grateful your dollars support Knox in so many ways. If you have questions, please feel free to ask Jo-Anne Willment, Stewardship Chair who can provide further information. Please complete the pledge sheet and place it in the Offering Plate, give it to Jo-Anne Willment, Janet Zarka, our Treasurer or to Sue in the Knox Office. Every little bit counts.

You are each invited to the Appreciation Lunch on November 19, 2023 to be held in the downstairs Parlour with a lovely meal open to everyone prepared by Chuck Curry and his world-famous Cooking Team! Your dollars enable us to uplift Knox programs, services and opportunities for us and community members in this beautiful and historic Knox United Church in downtown Calgary.

TODAY

Pre-Service Bible Study/Conversation

Sundays, 9:30 am, Library

Join William Brook, a seminary student at Vancouver School of Theology, for a look at 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.

THIS WEEK

Connection and Reflection - Contemplation and Community

Wednesdays, 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.

Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Board Room and Online (starting again on October 24)

This fall, a small group, including friends from Central UCC on 7th Avenue SW, have already decided to read and discuss "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact Sue at the office on sforsyth@kxcalgary.com if you would like to join the group, you will be very welcome.

Yoga in the Sanctuary

November 20 & November 27: 5:15-6:15 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 thanks to a generous grant from the City of Calgary Neighbourhood Grant. Sign up at the class or by emailing sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

COMING UP AND ONGOING

Discover Knox Tour

Last Sunday of the Month, 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.

Sanctuary Christmas Decorating

November 26 @ 11:45, Sanctuary

Join us in decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season after the service. Everyone welcome! Also, there's some pre-work to prepare for the decorating. Email Sue in the office if you are available and can help the week before @ sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

Special Children's Time

On the first Sunday of the month, there is a special time for children during our Sunday worship service. Children, ages 3 and older, are invited for a time of story, craft and recreation. The Children will start in the Sanctuary and move to the library. We are deeply grateful for Christine Sizer who is volunteering to lead this program. If you have any questions, please contact sundayschool@kxcalgary.com.

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

Children's Handbells

During the service, November 19, Labyrinth

We are pleased to announce that children will have an opportunity to begin learning the art of handbell ringing, using our very own Knox handbells. The sessions will be led by Janet Zatzka, a ringer with our Knox Re-Bell ringers, and will include handbell ringing basic skills and techniques. As they progress, we look forward to hearing what our junior ringers have accomplished. We will meet in the Labyrinth during the worship service. Questions? Please email Christine at csizer@kxcalgary.com.

Knox Foundation Annual General and Special Meeting

Sunday, November 26, 11:45 am, Parlour

The Knox Foundation Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday November 26 following the worship service. In addition to the usual business of the AGM, this meeting will include a Special Resolution in order to update the Bylaws of the Knox Foundation. All Knox members and adherents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

English Classes at Knox

The third session of English classes at Knox is continuing once per week on Thursday afternoons from October 26 to November 30. We are happy to report that our volunteer numbers for this session are more than adequate. Thank you to all volunteers who have assisted—and are assisting—in making this language-learning experience enjoyable, productive, and effective for these newcomers to Calgary.

Knox on Amazon

You may begin to notice links to books and products for sale on Amazon on the Knox website or in our weekly emails. These are affiliate marketing links. This means if you click on the link and purchase the item, we will receive an affiliate commission at no extra cost to you. We only recommend products or services we believe honour the values of the church and congregation and carefully vet each product we mention. Thank you for supporting Knox!

Live-Streaming Volunteers Needed

Do you have an interest in getting more involved in Knox? Do you have some technical abilities or are you willing to be taught a new skill? We are looking for people to run and operate our Livestream on Sunday mornings. Training is available. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please email careyabarrett@gmail.com.

Concert Season Volunteers

As we move into Fall, we see the Event calendar at Knox filling up. This is a very important time for us, where we can both welcome our neighbors into our building and earn essential funds to help keep it open. Almost every event requires us to provide ushers, hosts, fire marshalls. *If you can help, even with just one event, please contact Sue at sforsyth@kxcalgary.com or check with the Information Table.*

Sanctuary Hosts

Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

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. 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 the church office (office@kxcalgary.com).

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