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October 15, 2023

Worship Leaders: Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis and Keith Murray
Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Guest Pianist:** Jerry Proppe
Musicians: Knox Choir **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 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 Autumn Leaves songwriters: Jacques Prévert, Johnny Mercer, Joseph Kosma
Musicians: Ricardo Moraes-Pinto, Pat Place, Jerry Proppe, David Westwick

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” VU 271**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God’s love is wider than anything we can imagine.

All: God’s love is wider than the widest valley.

One: God’s love is deeper than anything we can imagine.

All: God’s love is deeper than the deepest valley.

One: God’s love goes on and on.

All: God’s love is wide enough for all.

Let us pray.

God of boundless love and wide open grace, we give thanks for this new day.

We give thanks for the ways your love shows up in unexpected ways. Help us to be wide and spacious in our love for ourselves and one another. 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

Romans 8:35-39

REFLECTION

“The Starting Point”

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

HYMN

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 shad-ows 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. _____

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

This is 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 sit and listen to the music. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.

Piano music by Jerry Proppe

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Called by Earth and Sky”

MV 135

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

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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)

William Brook (VST student, seminary intern)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Today, October 15 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study	Library
Today, October 15 @ 12:00 noon	Membership Class/Conversation	Library
Wednesday, October 18 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth
Wednesday, October 18 @ 7:00 pm	Church Council	Boardroom
Thursday, October 19 @ 7:00 pm	A Spire on Fire - Cabaret	Sanctuary
Friday, October 20 @ 7:00 pm	A Spire on Fire - Cabaret	Sanctuary
Sunday, October 22 @ 12:00 noon	Membership Class/Conversation	Library
Monday, October 23 @ 5:15 pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary	Sanctuary
Wednesday, October 25 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth
Sunday, October 29	No Bible Study	
Sunday, October 29 @ 11:45 am	Discover Knox Tour	Sanctuary
Monday, October 30 @ 5:15 pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary	Sanctuary
Wednesday, October 25 @ 12:30 pm	Worship: Connection & Reflection	Labyrinth
Saturday, November 4 @ 9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Affirming Leader's Day	Knox
Sunday, November 5 @ 9:30 am	Bible Study	Library
Sunday, November 5 @ 11:30 am	Potluck	Gym

Welcome and Information Table

A new welcome table is set up in the back of the sanctuary. This will be where you can 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.

Welcome Jerry Proppe, Guest Pianist

Jerry has over 4 decades of musical experience as a solo artist, musical director, recording artist and record producer. He is a dynamic improviser, comfortable with all styles of music from baroque and classical, to gospel, pop, boogie woogie, and jazz. He loves to entertain and you can catch him performing in a variety of venues around Calgary including Alvin's Jazz Club, the Palliser Hotel lounge, and Seniors' Residences. You may also see Jerry around Knox during the week, since he is our official piano tuner! We are fortunate to have these professional connections with him. You can find out more about Jerry's projects and performances by following him on social media, or visiting his website: jerryproppe.com

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.

Would You Like to Join Knox Officially?

Everyone is welcome at Knox whether or not you are an official “member.” Membership into a congregation is a choice - some people wish to make a formal commitment in this way, others wish to serve on a committee where membership is a requirement. We will hold a membership conversation/class on October 15 and October 22 following worship. Sessions will be 1 hour. If you would like to participate, please contact Sheena Trotter-Dennis at strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com.

Children’s Handbells

During the service, October 15, 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 Zarka, 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.

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

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.

COMING UP AND ONGOING

Knox-Sponsored English Classes Will Continue

Our present ESL (English as a Second Language) / ELL (English Language Learning) classes for new immigrants and refugees will end on Thursday, October 12. A big thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped in during the past few months to assist in making this experience for newcomers an enjoyable and productive one!

We are receiving student requests to continue providing English-learning support, so the decision has been made to add another series of classes. However, the upcoming schedule will change to only **once per week** on Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and are scheduled for six weeks from October 26 to November 30.

Once again, volunteers will be required in order to make this experience as beneficial as possible for the full range of English ability levels that appear. Your volunteering for every class is not necessary. Occasional assistance is also very appreciated. If this volunteer role interests you, please email EnglishatKnox@gmail.com with your offers or questions.

Dennis Ruf

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.

A Spire on Fire - Cabaret

October 19 & October 20, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Knox Sanctuary will be the venue for "A Spire on Fire", part of the Springboard Fluid Movement Arts Festival 2023. Each evening will feature two acts. Knox's participation has been pioneered by [Keith Murray](#). Tickets can be purchased directly from Springboard at <https://springboardperformance.com/programs/fluid-fest-2023>, or from Showpass at: <https://www.showpass.com/a-spire-on-fire-cabaret-of-the-holy-other-presented-by-springboards-fluid-fest/>

Springboard Performance is a non-profit organization devoted to connecting artists, audiences, the body and the mind through physical contemporary creation and public space manipulation. It provides opportunities to artists to risk, learn, create, perform and connect with a local and national community.

Springboard was incorporated in 1988 by a group of Calgary dancers and choreographers who wanted to create opportunities to develop and perform their own work. Under the original name, Springboard Dance Collective, the company produced shows and offered classes and workshops to the community. Springboard continues to build on its 30-year history, producing and presenting physical based contemporary creation in Calgary, Alberta.

We need volunteer hosts for these two events. If you would like to be a host please sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Sue in the office sforsyth@kxcalgary.com

Yoga in the Sanctuary

October 23, October 30, November 6: 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. \$20/session - \$45/monthly (3 sessions each month). Sign up at the class or by emailing sforsyth@kxcalgary.com

Melanie Batycky began teaching yoga after dancing professionally with The San Francisco Ballet, Lines Ballet of San Francisco, and The Alberta Ballet. She currently holds her Level 1 Iyengar yoga certification. It is the depth of yoga that keeps her constantly searching and learning. She is truly grateful to have found yoga and loves sharing what she has learned, and continues to learn with her students. "The physical practice is really only part of truly knowing yoga. The philosophy of yoga can be practiced in each interaction in our lives, and actually lived. When we see ourselves and others as kind, loving, honest, authentic, and constantly turn our lives over to the higher power that is within each of us, that is when our lives change."

Affirming Leader's Day - Sign up and Volunteer Hosts Needed

November 4, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, Knox United

Knox is pleased to be the location and host for the Annual Affirming Leader's Day, sponsored by Affirming Connections. This is a development event for leaders on emerging issues in 2SLGBTQIA+ and faith intersections. Rev. Yolanda Norton will be the keynote speaker and there will be expert panels on activism and community building. The event is November 4 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. You can purchase tickets to the event at the Affirming Connections website: affirmingconnections.com.

If you would like to be a Knox Host for the event, please sign up at the Welcome Table or email sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

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!

Lest We Forget, Michael Hope in Concert

Sunday, Nov 5 @ 1:00 pm, Knox United Church

Awarding-winning baritone **Michael Hope** presents an afternoon concert of music of the early to mid-1900s – **Lest We Forget - a Musical Tribute to Winston Churchill and the War Years.** Chellan Hoffman accompanies on piano and organ. Songs include *Jerusalem* and *Land of Hope and Glory*. Admission by donation.

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

Discover Knox Tour

Last Sunday of the Month, 11:45 am, Sanctuary

Our monthly informational tour will be on **October 29** following the Sunday morning worship service. All are invited to take a behind-the-scenes tour of parts of the building and hear more about the Knox community.

