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October 1, 2023

Worship Leaders: Keith Murray and Rev. Tony Snow

Music Director: Chellan Hoffman

Musicians: Knox Choir **Reader:** Holly Smith

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 The Day Is Coming Mark A. Miller ♥

- 1. The lands in longing call out your name; The tongues are different, the prayer the same;
With humble spirits can we believe that God is bigger than we conceive?*
- 2. With willing spirits, Lord, let us dare to kneel with strangers and join in prayer.
Grant in your mercy the hope that heals, the law of love your word reveals.*
- 3. A barren wasteland we must reclaim, with hearts for bearing each other's pain.
Grant us the courage to make a place to plant tomorrow's seeds of peace.*

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN** **"This Path We Walk"** music: Ron Klusmeier; words: S. Curtis Tufts

1. This path we walk, through joy and tears,
a living Way of faith and fears,
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,
when walked in love, we'll rise again.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.
(Kee-ree-ay-lay-sohn)

2. When life is shared, together, free
We'll grow to be all we can be:
A circle wide will call us home,
When wrapped in love, we're not alone.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.

3. These gifts we bring, this light we hold,
our songs of grace, our stories told,
remain un-done, told just in part,
till shared in love, and known by heart.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.

4. When life is shared, together bound,
God's richest gifts, together found;
Together walk the Spirit's Way
When Love's the guide, we shall not stray.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.

5. This life we share, a blessing deep;
A promised gift, now ours to keep.
God grant our words were spoken true,
now clothed in life, each day anew.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We walk on the path towards truth and reconciliation.

All: What may lie ahead?

One: We walk on the path seeking justice, grounded in love.

All: Sometimes we aren't so sure.

One: We take steps, not knowing exactly where the path may lead.

All: **Walk with us on this journey.**

Let us pray.

God of truth and reconciliation, God of peace and right relations, we continue on the journey today, this week, this lifetime. Journey with us, guide us, show us the way of your peace, your love, your reconciliation. 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 READING

Philippians 4:2-3 FNV

SPECIAL MUSIC

“If I Never Come Home”

Wendy Walker

REFLECTION

Rev. Tony Snow

SPECIAL MUSIC

“And The Children”

Wendy Walker

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The cup of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Holy Communion, Candlelighting and Offering

All are invited to come forward to receive the bread and juice. Bread will be offered and then you are invited to dip the bread into the cup, and receive the elements together. Individual packets of juice and wafer are also available as a gluten-free option.

You are invited to light a candle or write a prayer 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: Two movements from “Canadian Floral Emblems” Beverley McKiver ♥

Western Red Lily (*dedicated to Lesley*)

Blue Flag Iris (*dedicated to Joyce Echaquan*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**For the bread we have eaten,
For the cup we have shared,
For the prayers we have prayed,
For the strength we have received,
For the assurance we have been given.
We give thanks.**

May we go into the world, strengthened by these gifts. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN “We are Walking a Path of Peace” MV 221**

1. *We are walking a path *of peace* (3 times)
 Lead *us* home, lead *us* home.

2. ***of love** 3. ***of grace** 4. ***of hope** 5. ***with heart**

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE “One Light” Wendy Walker

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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:

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| Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister) | Chellan Hoffman (director of music) |
| Sue Forsyth (office administrator) | Gerald Love (greeter & usher) |
| Jampa Tseten, Justin Cross (caretaker) | Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation) |
| Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator) | Murray, Vi, Chuck (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) |

♥ MUSIC NOTES: About the composers . . .

Prelude > *The Day is Coming* is written by **African-American composer Mark A. Miller**, who believes passionately that music can change the world. He also believes in Cornell West's quote that **'Justice is what love looks like in public.'** His dream is that the music he composes, performs, teaches and leads will inspire and empower people to create the beloved community.

Music during Candlelighting > *Western Red Lily and Blue Flag Iris*: Anishinaabe composer Beverley McKiver lives in Ottawa, and is a pianist, composer and teacher. Her compositions **explore themes of connection to the land, identity, and recovery of Indigenous knowledge.** She has written for instrumental ensembles, vocalists, choirs, and solo piano. Recently, Beverley has been commissioned to write a piece for carillon, by the Guild of Carilloneurs in North America. In fall of 2022, Beverley performed a lecture/piano recital here at Knox, in the Labyrinth Room, joined by Chellan Hoffman on organ for two of the thirteen pieces featured in her *Canadian Floral Emblems Suite* for piano. You can discover more about Beverley and her music on her website – beverleymckiver.com

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

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| Today @ 9:30 am | Bible Study | Library |
| Today @ 11:30 am | Oktoberfest Lunch | Gym |
| Today @ 11:45 am | Knox Giving Program Meeting | Library |
| Monday, October 2 | Building and Office Closed | |
| Wednesday, October 4 @ 12:30 pm | Worship: Connection & Reflection | Labyrinth |
| Sunday, October 8 @ 9:30 am | Bible Study | Library |
| Sunday, October 8 @ 11:45 am | Knox Giving Program Meeting | Boardroom |
| Monday, October 9 | Building and Office Closed | |
| Wednesday, October 11 @ 12:30 pm | Worship: Connection & Reflection | Labyrinth |
| Sunday, October 15 @ 9:30 am | Bible Study | Library |
| Sunday, October 15 @ 12:00 noon | Membership Class/Conversation | Library |
| Wednesday, October 18 @ 12:30 pm | Worship: Connection & Reflection | Labyrinth |
| 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 |
| Wednesday, October 25 @ 12:30 pm | Worship: Connection & Reflection | Labyrinth |
| Sunday, October 29 @ 11:45 am | Discover Knox Tour | Sanctuary |
| Sunday, November 5 @ 1:00 pm | Michael Hope presents: <i>Songs from the War Years</i> (Chellan Hoffman, piano) | Sanctuary |

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.

TODAY

Today's Service is a service of remembrance and reflection as we acknowledge the over 1200 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada. We reflect on the ongoing work of Truth and Reconciliation and how we might continue our work of living into our treaty promises.

On October 4, vigils and events are held across the country to support family members and loved ones.

Welcome Rev. Tony Snow

Today we welcome the Rev. Tony Snow, Indigenous Minister of the Chinook Winds Region of Southern Alberta. Tony Snow is a member of the Stoney Nakoda Sioux First Nation in Morley, Alberta. He is a direct descendent of signatories to Treaty Number 7. His father, the late Dr. Rev Chief John Snow, was the first Ordained Indigenous Minister in the United Church in Alberta. Tony works as the Indigenous Minister for Chinook Winds Region. He is a member of the Calgary Interfaith Council, the Climate Advisory Circle and the Anti-Racism Common Table for the United Church of Canada.

Welcome Wendy Walker

We are pleased to welcome Wendy Walker this morning. Wendy is an established Cree Métis and Mi'kmaq First Nations singer-songwriter who has toured Canada and abroad. Wendy has been nominated and received several awards within the Indigenous musical community, notably the Esquao (Woman) Award. Another highlight was playing at the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang South Korea, performing for world leaders in attendance.

Sermon series - Remembering Who We Are

Our culture is really good at telling (in implicit and explicit ways) us who we are and how we should relate to others. We hear these narratives through social media, friends and family, politicians and many other sources. Sometimes we hear "we're not good enough," "there isn't enough for everyone," "some are better than others." What is the narrative God invites us into? What do our sacred texts tell us? For the next several weeks, drawing mostly from Paul's Letters to the Corinthians, we will reflect and remember who we are as God's beloved people.

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.

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.

Oktoberfest Luncheon

11:45 am, Gym

You are invited to a time of fellowship and delicious food following the worship service. Bring a dessert to share. All are welcome!

Tuning Up our Finances

11:45 am, Library

Jo-Anne Willment and Janet Zatka invite the Congregation to a conversation to discuss the development of a Knox Giving Program extending over a 12-mth period. Stewardship would be one of the Programs lasting 4 weeks but other programs would also be developed. To do this requires a two-step process and your participation in this discussion is very much needed. This does *not* involve extra costs for Knox. Grab your lunch and bring it to the meeting. We welcome your attendance and discussion.

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, talk, and 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

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.

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.

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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. We look forward to hearing what our junior ringers have accomplished as they progress. We will meet in the Labyrinth during the worship service. Questions? please email Christine at csizer@kxcalgary.com.

Stewardship Planning

11:45 am, October 8, Boardroom

This year, the 2024 Stewardship Giving Program will run from Oct 22-Nov. 17, 2023. In anticipation of this event, all interested Congregation members are welcome to attend the 2024 Stewardship Giving Program after Church in the Boardroom on October 8, 2023. The meeting will be an hour in length. Knox's financial needs for 2024 will be introduced and you are invited to bring ideas, humour, and conversations to the meeting!

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.

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.

White Cliffs of Dover

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 – **THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER - 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.

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