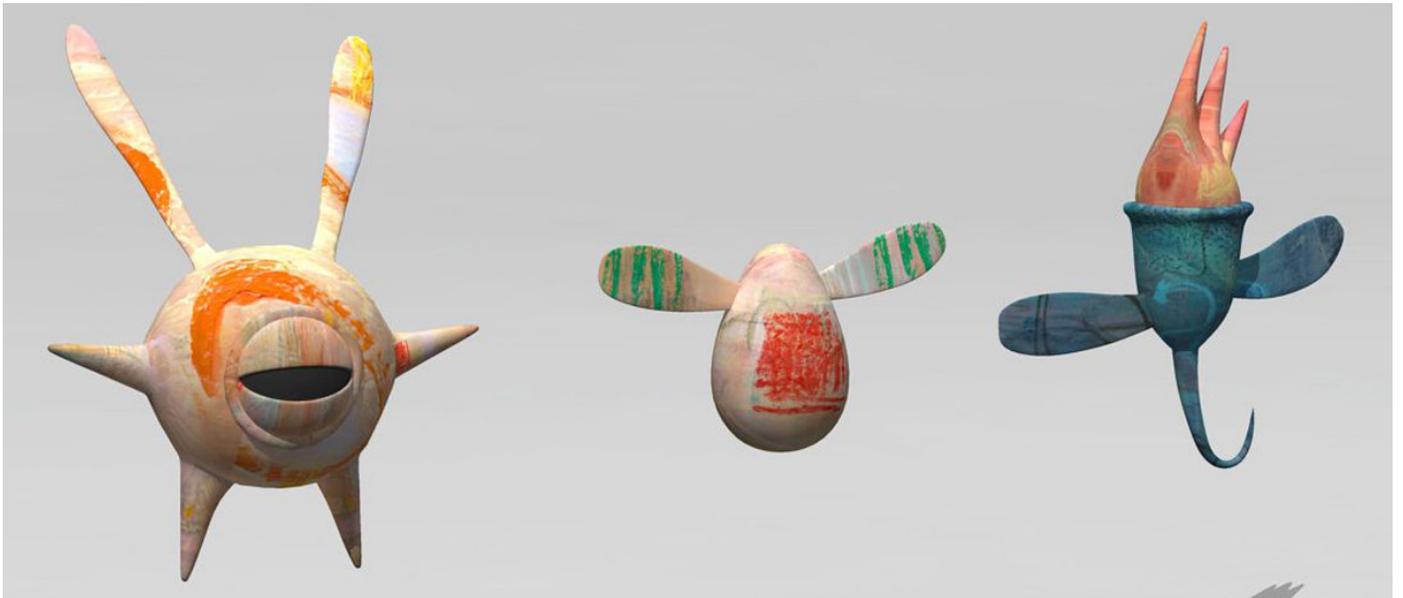




KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 19 March 2017



THE NEW THING



But what is it?
Where do we find it?
Is it dangerous or weird?
Can't we just ignore
it, and have the old
thing instead?



1. Bring to our God a glad new song,
children of grace extol your king;
worship and praise to God belong -
to instruments of music sing!
Let those be warned who spurn God's name,
nations and kings attend God's Word;
God's justice shall bring tyrants shame:
let every creature praise our God!
2. Praise God within these hallowed walls,
praise God beneath the dome of heaven;
by cymbals' sounds and trumpets' calls
let praises fit for God be given:
with strings and brass and wind rejoice -
then, join God's praise with full accord
all living things with breath and voice:
let every creature praise our God!

*From Psalms 149 and 150,
Michael Arnold Perry (1942-1996)*

Prayer of Approach

New every morning are the mercies of God.
GREAT IS GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.

New is the day -
**NEW HOURS AND MINUTES;
NEW LIGHT FALLING UPON GOD'S CHURCH
AND CITY.**

"Behold", says God,
"I am about to do a new thing;
NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH!"

"The wild animals will honour me;
people will find the water they lack";
**A NEW CREATION IS EMERGING RIGHT NOW.
DO WE NOT PERCEIVE IT?**

Silence

Not new is humanity's slowness to see,
to hear, to think,
to hope, to confess.

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE BEFORE GOD,
AND ONE ANOTHER,
THAT WE LINGER IN THE PAST,
THAT WE LOVE THE FAMILIAR,**

and that when Christ calls us forward,
quite often we block our ears.

**GOD'S WORK TODAY,
GOD'S CALL TODAY,
REMAIN WAITING FOR HUMAN
RESPONSE.**



And so we say

Lord have mercy.
CHRIST HAVE MERCY.
Lord have mercy.

Assurance and Response

. . . In the name of Christ I say to you:
You are forgiven and you are free.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Prayer of Supplication:

Creative, redemptive, blessing God,
you say that you are doing something new,
and that you call us to perceive it.

**GIVE US GOOD EARS AND EYES
TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE DOING.
GIVE US COURAGEOUS HEARTS
TO JOIN IN THE WORK.**

Increase our capacity to be curious
and spiritually imaginative;
AND LEAD US INTO NEWNESS OF LIFE.

We pray this in the name of Jesus;
and even as he taught us, so together we say:

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.
YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.**

**GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.
SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.**

The Passing of the Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

**A KI A KOE ANO HOKI;
AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

If there are younger ones present

A Conversation with the Younger Ones

Young People's Blessing:

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.

**TAKE OUR FAITH AND HOPE;
MAKE NEW THINGS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.
MAY GOD BLESS AND GROW YOU.
AMEN.**

Young ones are welcome to move through to the Sala del Sol (upstairs in the Knox Centre) for well supervised, faith-based youth activities.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 43: 18-21

In this is the Word of God.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Knox Singers: Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Picardy – French carol melody

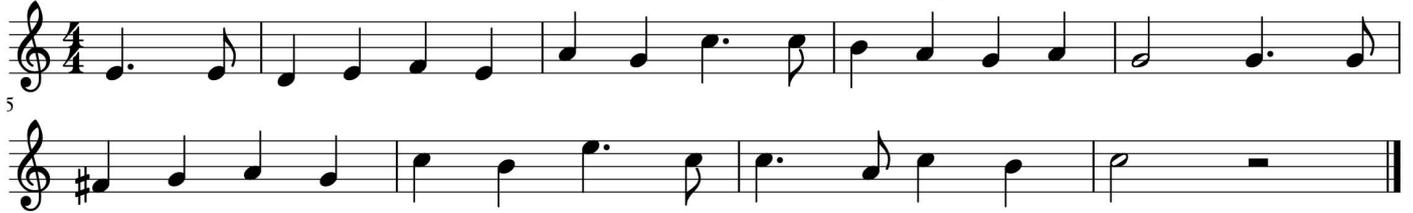
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4: 18-22

This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

Hymn:

St Andrew

Edward Henry Thorne (1834-1916)



1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying "Christian, follow me".
2. As, of old, the fishers heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying "Christian, love me more".
4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these".
5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Saviour, make us hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Sermon:

The New Thing

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Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door.*

Hymn:

Kelvingrove

Scottish Traditional Tune

$\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The music is a single melodic line. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 7, 13, 20, and 26 indicating the start of each line of music.

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John Bell (b. 1949)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication

We bring this food and money
and ourselves;

**WE PLACE WHAT WE BRING
INTO THE HANDS OF GOD.**

We hear the challenge
to live with curiosity and openness,

**ASKING GOD TO BLESS US
FOR THAT KIND OF LIVING.**

May we give ourselves
to finding God's new thing.

**AND MAY GOD BLESS US
AS WE ENTER OUR BRAND NEW CHAPTER.**

This is our prayer, through Jesus Christ.
AMEN.



Notices

We stand for

The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
who called Peter, James and John
to fish for people;
you call us to step away from the familiar,
and to follow you
into the celebration of God's new work.

Along the Lenten path
LEAD US LORD JESUS

O Christ,
talking to jackals and ostriches,
bringing water to the thirsty
and a way forward to those in the wilderness;
you call us search for God's new thing.

You call us to live with wide eyes and hallowed hearts.
Along the Lenten path
LEAD US LORD JESUS

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your will.

**KEEP OUR FEET FIRMLY
IN THE WAY WHERE CHRIST LEADS US,
THIS LENT
AND ALL OUR DAYS. AMEN.**

Hymn:

Lord of the Years

Timothy Dudley Smith (b. 1926)



1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
3. Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for common wealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
4. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Improvisation on Pange Lingua
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Tea and coffee are served in the Knox Centre Lounge following the morning service

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A jackal



Carlos, the jackal

Writing Our Next Chapter

The first forum – this coming Sunday

Forum One



26 March, 11:30am – 12:30pm, soup break, then 12:50pm – 1:50pm

- How we're going to work together,
- Where we came from, what we did well,
- Our changing world,
- Our passions c.f. the world's needs,
- Where we find joy,
- Closing Reflection: Looking at Jesus

THE BEGINNING



NOTICES

Next Week: 19 March 2017 – 25 March 2017

Today	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	11.15 am	Faith Film and Fiction – see below
Wednesday	10.00 am	Bible Study in Committee Room
Saturday	2.30 pm	Organ Recital – see below

Next Week: 26 March 2017 – 1 April 2017

Sunday	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	11:30am	The Next Chapter: Forum One
Wednesday	10.00 am	Bible Study in Committee Room

Faith film and fiction - today 11.15 in the committee room. Len Pierce will present *The Colour Purple*.

Organ Recital - 25 March at 2.30 pm featuring organ music of Jan Nieland (1903-1963) by John Linker, Director of Music, ChristChurch Transitional Cathedral. Free Entry.

Knox Café - Sunday March 26 7..00 pm in the Lounge. Speaker Sue Spigel, a well known Christchurch quilter who will speak on environment and art. This Knox Cafe will be a lead into “The creation series in October”. All are welcome – tea coffee provided, BYO anything else.

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Bible readings for next week will be:

- Ephesians 5: 8-14
- John 9: 1-41

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