



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 16 July 2017



LET GOD'S LIGHT SHINE Christian World Service Special Project 2016-17



Methodist Women's Fellowship

WELCOME TO KNOX

Knox Church is a congregation within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. We aim to create Christian community in which people of all ages, sexual orientations, cultural backgrounds and socio-economic situations are included as equally valued participants in our congregational life. We cherish our diversity, offering a safe place of belonging to any who wish to explore their beliefs in an atmosphere promoting discussion, the development of healthy relationships and spiritual growth. We strive to be open to dialogue and shared experiences with people of other faiths. We enjoy worshipping the God made known in Jesus, endeavouring to do so in ways that are relevant to our daily lives, respect the integrity of creation, and make a positive difference to our wider world.

A loop system for hearing aids operates at Knox.

Toilets are available through the door on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

The Call to Worship:

Mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers,
brothers and sisters, family members and friends,
IN CHRIST'S SPIRIT WE ARE ONE.

Whatever our age, ethnicity or orientation,
whatever we are thinking,
however we are feeling about others and ourselves,
IN CHRIST'S SPIRIT WE ARE ONE.

As one we worship the world God made known in Jesus;
we light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)





1. All are welcome to our worship,
all who have a thankful heart:
thankful for the songs of nature
and the joy that they impart;
thankful for the untold beauty
of creation's magic art;
thankful for the love surrounding;
thankful we can play our part.
2. All are welcome in our worship;
join with us in praise and prayer;
join us as we ponder Jesus
and the way he showed such care;
as we think upon his teaching
we find hope and not despair,
for in Jesus' words and actions
we are touched by love so rare.
3. All are welcome in our worship;
everyone is welcome here;
God in Christ sits not in judgment;
Jesus' message casts out fear;
God is never absent from us;
God in Christ is always near;
In God's sight we all are precious;
Having ears, then "Let us hear!"

Author unknown

Prayer of Approach

Whoever we are, from wherever we come,
with whatever joys and sorrows we bring,
with whatever hopes and fears we gather in this place of worship,

WE GIVE THANKS THAT ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOMED HERE.

Knowing we are welcome and held in the spirit of love lived by Jesus,
we pause to reflect on the ups and downs
of another full and busy week in our lives.

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE THINGS WE DID WELL.
WE ACKNOWLEDGE THERE WERE THINGS WE DID BADLY.
WE CONFESS THERE WERE THINGS
WE WOULD RATHER HAVE NOT DONE AT ALL.**

If we have been hurt or mistreated by others,
if we have thought or acted in ways
that have damaged others or ourselves,

MAY WE DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO GIVE AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS.

If we are feeling at the mercy of circumstances not of our choosing,
if we're troubled by anxieties that can come from any number of sources,

MAY WE KNOW THE BLESSING OF BEING ALLOWED SIMPLY TO BE.

May our way of being be challenged, changed and renewed
by the life and the teaching of Jesus in whose name and spirit we gather
and following whose example we now join to pray

**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.**

Assurance of Love and Welcome:

Grateful for God's reconciling love revealed in Jesus,

**WE SHOW OUR GRATITUDE
BY SHARING THE WARMTH OF GOD'S WELCOME AROUND.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

If there are younger ones present
A Conversation with the Younger Ones

Although there is no Sunday School today, young ones are welcome to enjoy the activity corner at the back of the church where they will find toys and an activity sheet. Sunday School begins again on 30 July.

The First Lesson: Psalm 13
In this is the word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Knox Singers: Comfort, O Lord
W. Crotch (1775-1847)

The Second Reading: Galatians 3: 19-29
In this is the word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Hymn: Servant Song Richard Gillard (b. 1953)



1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
'till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Reflection: Special Projects 2017 --- PWANZ / MWF
"Let God's Light Shine"
Stopping gender violence in Nicaragua

Hymn:

Kneels at the feet

Ghanaian folk melody



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet:
master who acts as a slave to them.
Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.
2. Neighbours are rich folk and poor,
neighbours are black, brown or white,
neighbours are nearby and far away.
Yesu, Yesu

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
everyone's neighbour to us and you.
Yesu, Yesu
4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves:
this is the way we should live with you.
Yesu, Yesu

Tom Colvin (1925-2000) and people of Ghana

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Lola Bathgate

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Accept these gifts we bring, our God;

**MAY THEY BE SIGNS OF OUR COMMITMENT TO PLAY OUR PART
IN YOUR UNFOLDING STORY OF LOVE.**

Notices

Hymn: Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1. Sing a song for peace and justice,
speak for those who cannot speak!
Claim the world for peace and justice:
let the strong support the weak.
*Light a candle in the darkness,
hope and freedom must not die!
hope and freedom must not die!*

2. You who live in happy places,
who can laugh and speak and sing,
listen for the other voices
mute with fear and suffering.
Light a candle . . .

3. Thousands cry in nameless prisons –
plead with powers that hold the key:
plead that human rights be honoured,
that the innocent go free.
Light a candle . . .

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Benediction:

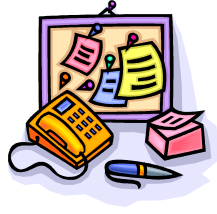
**CALLED TO LIVE FULLY,
FOLLOWING IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS,
WE GO TO TAKE OUR PLACES
IN THE ONGOING MISSION OF CHRIST.**

Sung Amen

Postlude: Fantasia on "Scotland, the Brave"
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 16 July 2017 – 22 July 2017

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Followed by Retiring Offering – **see below**
Monday 7.30pm Fireside Group AGM – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study in Committee Room

Next Week: 23 July 2017 – 29 July 2017

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study in Committee Room
2.00pm Afternoon Communion Service – **see below**

Retiring Offering - Sunday July 16 2017 - A Retiring Offering will be held at the conclusion of the Annual Special Project Service (APW/MWF). The special projects this year are for the funding of training programmes in Nicaragua so young people and their families can tackle the violence damaging their lives. NZ project will work with families affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder .

Fireside Group – The AGM will be held on Monday 17 July at 7.30pm in the Knox Lounge. Matthew Jack will be the speaker. All welcome.

Garage Sale – 9.30am – 12 noon on Saturday 22 July at 31, Wanaka Place, Mairehau. A member of the Oxford Terrace Baptist Church is moving to the Diana Isaac Retirement Village and most of her things will be for sale (from a 4 bedroom house). A percentage of the sale proceeds will go to the new church building fund, therefore no haggling over prices! The prices will be set by a professional person. Please bring your own shopping bags.

Book Group – Sunday 23 July at 11.15am. Book Group are meeting in the Committee Room. Suite Francaise.

Afternoon Communion Service - A short communion service will be held in the Knox chapel at 2pm on Wednesday 26 July, to be followed by afternoon tea together. This service is especially for those who find it difficult to get to morning services, but of course everyone is most welcome to attend.

Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life.
For those who wish to contribute financially, charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Options are available for giving; for information please contact our Donation Secretary, Janet Wilson, ph 338 7203, email janetwilson@clear.net.nz

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**Knox
Centre**
28 Bealey
Ave

2017 **matter** Seminar-Forums

5.30-7.00pm - Doors open 5pm for drinks & snacks

NEED NOT GREED... Housing Matters
Thursday 20 July

SECURE HOUSING FOR ALL

...No Greedy Landlords

Prof Shamubeel Eaqub

Author & Principal Economist NZEIR

NEED NOT GREED... Land Matters
Thursday 27 July

LAND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL

...Not exploitive enterprises

**Garrick Wayne Cooper
& Jessica McLean**

Canterbury University, Aotahi School of Maori Indigenous Studies

NEED NOT GREED... Money Matters
Thursday 3 August

A LIVING INCOME FOR ALL

...Not Obscene Salaries for a Few

Warren Brewer

Economic & Social Researcher

**FREE
EVENT
(koha)**



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Our Next Chapter: the next mission discernment forum

Forum Five



WHEAT FROM CHAFF

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

Near the end, we should have a number of project areas emerging. Keeping in mind our character and values, our mission bottom lines and major drivers, where our focus is falling, and what brings us joy, we'll sift and sort our options. We'll set goals for whatever we decide we need to do next.



Tuesday – 18 July - 7pm Visit to Hare Krishna Temple

83 Bealey Avenue

Hilary and Kuva have kindly offered to host us. They plan to provide a tour of the centre, offer a little talk from Kuva's experience being raised a Hare Krishna, and Hilary will give a brief history of the lineage from her studies in Vaishnava theology, a little discussion, as well as show a couple of 2-3 minute videos they have made about Vaishnava culture and history while they were living in India.

Matthew Gardner - on behalf of the Canterbury Interfaith Society



The Bible readings for next week will be:

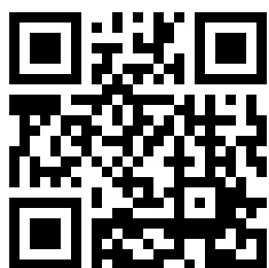
- Psalm 86: 11-17
- Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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