



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 20 August 2017



Boats moored off Opua, Bay of Islands

THE END OF THE BLAME GAME

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:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world:

JESUS, CALLING STRANGERS TO BECOME FAMILY;

JESUS, REACHING ACROSS THE THINGS THAT DIVIDE US;

JESUS, IN WHOM THE WORLD MIGHT FIND UNITY AND PEACE.

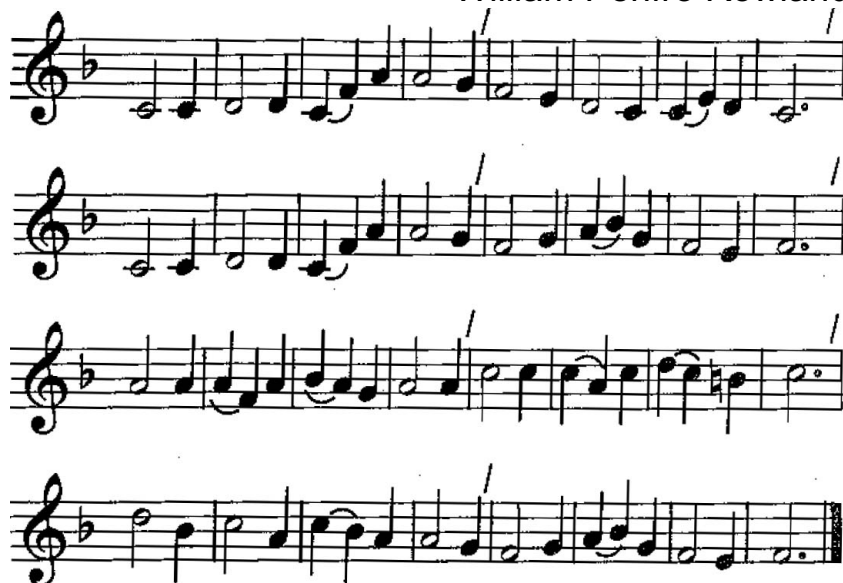
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



1. God who sets us on a journey to discover, dream and grow, lead us as you led your people in the desert long ago; journey inward, journey outward, stir the spirit, stretch the mind, love for God and self and neighbour marks the way that Christ defined.
2. Exploration brings new insights, changes, choices we must face; give us wisdom in deciding, mindful always of your grace; should we stumble, lose our bearings, find it hard to know what's right, we regain our true direction focused on the Jesus light.
3. End our staying in the old days, grant the vision that we lack – once we've started on this journey there can be no turning back; let us travel light, discarding excess baggage from our past, cherish only what's essential, choosing treasure that will last.
4. When we set up camp and settle to avoid love's risk and pain, you disturb complacent comfort, pull the tent pegs up again; keep us travelling in the knowledge you are always at our side; give us courage for the journey, Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Joy Dine (1937 – 2001)

Prayer of Approach

This journey, called "the human life",
is walked in the company of the God of Jesus.

**OUR DAYS ARE LIVED WITHIN THE STORY
OF A GOD MAKING ALL THINGS NEW.**

The blessings we receive,
THE CHALLENGES WE FACE,

the wrongs we regret,
THE HOPES WE EXPRESS,

the crimes we commit,
THE PEOPLE WE MISS,

everything that contributes to the pattern of our lives
IS HELD WITHIN GOD'S GREATER PURPOSE.

Wrapped around our life
IS GOD'S LOVE AND GOODNESS.

Under our life:
THE ROCK OF GOD'S CARE.

Over our life:
GOD'S RAINBOW OF HOPEFULNESS.

Through our life:
GOD'S GOLDEN THREAD OF MEANING.

O God,
our days are lived within your story.
**GLORY AND PRAISE TO YOU,
THROUGH JESUS, THE CHRIST.**

We have sung about our inclination to linger in the old days,
nurturing and feeding old patterns of blame and resentment.
We have sung about needing liberation from excess baggage.

**SO WE RECALL OUR NURTURED HATREDS,
OUR TREASURED GRIEVANCES.
WE CONFESS OUR GIVING OF SELF
TO A CULTURE OF BLAME.**

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:

God, in whose son Jesus,
we saw such love and commitment
both to you and to his faith-created family,
**ENABLE US TO BE PEOPLE
OF LOVE, UNITY AND FAITH.**

Where there is injury,
LET US BRING PARDON.

Where there is despair,
LET US BRING HOPE.

Where there is darkness,
LET US BRING LIGHT.

This is our prayer
in the name of the one who taught us to pray, saying:

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:

Genesis 45: 1-15

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

Knox Singers:

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The Psalm:

Psalm 133

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

Hymn:

Martyrdom

Hugh Wilson (1766-1824)



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| 1. How good it is, what pleasure comes,
when people live as one.
When peace and justice light the way
the will of God is done. | 3. How good it is when walls of fear
come tumbling to the ground.
When arms are changed to farming
tools
the fruits of life abound. |
| 2. True friendship then like fragrant oil
surrounds us with delight;
and blessings shine like morning dew
upon the mountain height. | 4. What quiet joy can bloom and grow
when people work for peace,
when hands and voices join as one
that hate and war may cease. |

Ruth Duck (b. 1947)

Sermon:

The Opua event

*Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>
Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door.*

Hymn:

Londonderry Air

Irish traditional melody



1. Fold to your heart your sister and your brother:
where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other,
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.
For he whom Jesus loved has truly spoken:
the holier worship, which he deigns to bless
restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,
and feeds the widow and the fatherless.
2. Follow with reverent steps the great example
of him whose holy work was doing good:
so shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
Then shall all shackles fall: the stormy clangour
of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Graeme Downie

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

With this offering,
we offer also ourselves,
to be agents of the greater story,

**THAT HEALING AND RECONCILIATION,
AND UNITY AND PEACE
MIGHT BE REAL IN OUR WORLD,**

to the glory of God,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

The Ash Grove

Welsh Folk Melody



1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the body of Christ from this dwelling take leave.
Our worship now ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of God's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the gospel and answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each time and place.
With your love you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and His name that we bear.

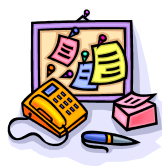
Omer Westendorf (1916-1997)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Toccata, from Suite Gothique
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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

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NOTICES

This Week:	20 August – 26 August 2017
Today	10.00am Morning Worship 2.00pm Elisabeth Harris concert – See below
Monday	7.00pm Knox Fireside Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study
Next Week:	27 August – 2 September 2017
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship 11.15am Book Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Today!!! Elisabeth Harris Fundraising Concert – “Mezzo to Manhattan”
Sunday 20th August , 2pm at Knox Church. Tickets \$30 – cash sales at the door
or contact Lynne Havenaar on 03 9604090 or info@operafoundation.co.nz.

Knox Fireside Group - Next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on
Monday 21 August at 7. 30pm in the Knox lounge. The speaker is Karin
Bathgate her topic is Sable Island – Shifting sands in the North Atlantic. All
Welcome.

Book Group – Sunday 27 August 11.15am. The Book Group are meeting in the
Lounge to explore “Small and Great Things” by Jodi Picault.

Knox Café - The next Knox Cafe will,be held in the Knox lounge on Sunday
September 3 at 7pm. We will have a conversation with a group of local Muslim
Women . Tea and coffee will be provided please bring anything else you want.
All Welcome .

The Knox Singers – Present “A Spring Awakening” – An afternoon of your
favourite Hymns and Anthems, Vivaldi’s Gloria and selections from Handel’s
Messiah. Musical Director, Daniel Cooper. Sunday 10th September 2.30pm at
Knox Church. Entry \$15 waged, \$10 unwaged, \$25 Family.

Toughlove Upper South Island - is running a 6 week Parent Support Course
for parents and caregivers of pre-teens, teenagers & young people every
Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm at Knox Church, commencing on Tuesday
12 September to Tuesday 17 October. Topics include Toughlove Philosophy
and Ten Beliefs, Process of Change, Facing the Crisis, Taking a Stand,
Bottomlines, Preparing an Action Plan, Support and Things That Keep Us From
Changing. For information or to register, please contact Sue at Toughlove on
(03) 337 9452 or by email to toughloveusi@xtra.co.nz

**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**

MEZZO TO MANHATTAN

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST 2 pm
KNOX CHURCH

ELISABETH HARRIS

PRESENTS A SPECIAL
FUNDRAISER CONCERT
FEATURING:

Ingrid Fomison-Nurse
Anna Maksymova
Justin Hodges
Jayden Walker



TICKETS: (including refreshments)

\$30 Cash Door Sales OR
Lynne Havenaar

03 9604090

info@operafoundation.co.nz



<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/mezzotomanhattan>



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Romans 12: 1-18
- Matthew 16: 13-20

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