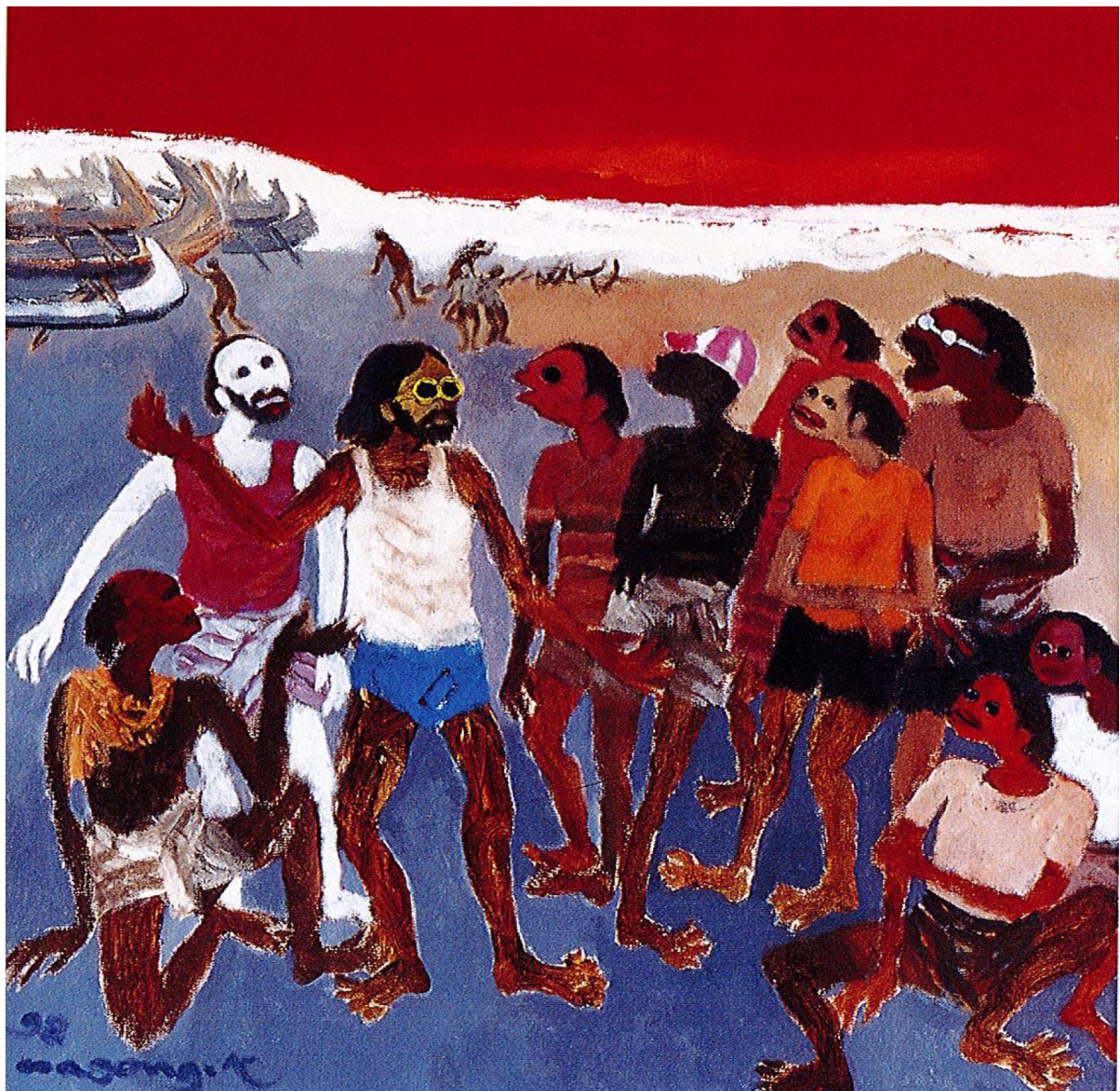




KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 27 August 2017



THE ROCK, THE LEADER

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 minister, on annual leave this week, is grateful to Rev. Dr John McKean for taking this morning's service

The Call to Worship:

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

O sing to the Lord a new song.

SING TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH

Sing to the Lord, bless God's name.

TELL OF GOD'S SALVATION FROM DAY TO DAY.

Declare God's glory among the nations,

THE LORD'S MARVELLOUS WORKS AMONG ALL PEOPLE.

God be with you.

GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

St Denio

Welsh folk melody





1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above,
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small,
in all life thou livest, the true life of all:
we blossom and flourish, as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Prayer of Approach

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
GOD'S MERCIES NEVER COMES TO AN END.

They are new every morning;
GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

God our life, grant us your forgiveness.

We have been headless in our thoughts;
Cruel in our works, and shameful in our actions.
We are indifferent to a world made sad by our want and wastefulness.
We pass by on the other side when we see a neighbour in need.
We wander from the way that leads to peace in paths of our own pleasing.

GOD OUR LIFE, GRANT US YOUR FORGIVENESS.

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:

. . . **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

The peace of Christ be with you all.
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: Epistle to the Romans, 12 9-21

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Lesson: St Matthew, 16 13-20

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

Hymn:

In Babilone

Dutch dance melody



1. Holy wisdom, lamp of learning,
bless the light that reason lends.
Teach us judgment as we kindle
sparks of thought your Spirit sends.
Sanctify our search for knowledge
and the truth that sets us free.
Come, illumine mind and spirit
joined in deepest unity.
2. Vine of truth, in you we flourish;
by your grace we learn and grow.
May the word of Christ among us
shape our life, your will to know.
Joined to Christ in living, dying,
may we help the Church convey
witness to the saving gospel,
bearing fruit of faith today.
3. Holy God, the hope of nations,
tune us to your righteous will,
as the symphony of ages
claims our best, our finest skill.
Shape our search for peace and justice
through prophetic deed and word.
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm,
that God's praise be ever heard.

Ruth Duck (b. 1947)

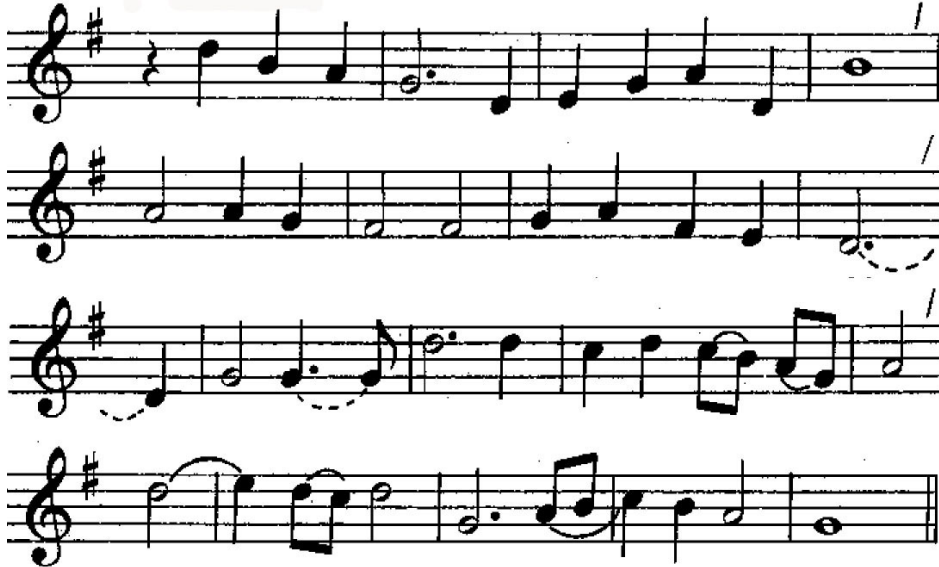
Sermon: Peter, the Leader

Music for Reflection: Le Prie-Dieu
George Oldroyd

Hymn:

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might,
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
3. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
4. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Madeleine Church

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Notices

Hymn:

Bunessan

Gaelic folk melody



1. Every new morning
God gives us freely
hearts that are thankful,
strength for the task,
people who love us,
joy in our service,
all we have need of
if we but ask.
2. God will be with us
in all our thinking,
in all our speaking,
in all we do;
and as we praise him
by all our actions,
he will be with us,
seeing us through.
3. God in the morning,
God in the noontide,
God in the evening,
all through the day;
God is within us,
and all around us,
God goes before us,
all of the way.

Carol Dixon (b. 1947)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy
Tchaikovsky

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

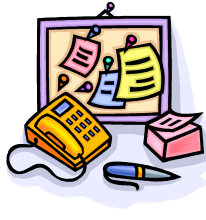
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AVAILABLE IN THE KNOX FOYER OR FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE.



NOTICES

This Week: 27 August – 2 September 2017
Today 10.00am Morning Worship
11.15am Book Group – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 3 September – 9 September 2017
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
7.00pm Knox Café – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Soup Booklet - The booklet of delicious soups eaten at the recent Forum Series is now ready for Sale. \$5 per copy with all proceeds going to Knox rebuild. Available in the Knox Foyer or from the Church Office.

Book Group – Sunday 27 August 11.15am. The Book Group are meeting in the Lounge.

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.

Blessed are the Peacemakers – Talk and Workshop by Dr Sami Awad. Presented by Canterbury Interfaith Society. Sunday 6 September at Oxford Terrace Baptist Church, 288 Oxford Terrace.

Workshop: Non Linear Thinking as a Tool for Peacemaking, 2 – 5pm.

Talk: Non Violence and Transformation: A Paradigm Shift in Peacemaking, 7 – 8.30pm. For catering purposes, please let us know of your intention to attend. Donations gratefully received towards Dr Sami's expenses. Check Facebook link for more details.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1600530179959348/>

Spring Sunday - Sunday 10th September. To celebrate Spring it is intended to deliver small bunches of flowers to our Shut In and other Senior members after the service. It would be great if you could bring spring flowers to be distributed after the service – the flowers can be already bunched or will be bunched after the service. Also needed, will be people to deliver the flowers – this will be an opportunity to connect with other church people.

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.

Ecu Action Canterbury - We now have details of our seminar broadcast dates and podcasts on Plains FM. Please use these links to reach the podcasts. You can still listen to them for a while after these dates :

Secure Housing For All – Tuesday 22 August at 2pm -
<http://accessradio.org/Player.aspx?eid=ac2848ad-772f-46d3-94a4-41c7c6a075a1>

A Living Income For All – Thursday 24 August at 12noon -
<http://accessradio.org/Player.aspx?eid=799443e9-61b5-44f5-8377-bebed0f5266b>

Unfortunately our recording for seminar two "Need Not Greed ~ Land Matters" did not get recorded.

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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September

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The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Exodus 3: 1-15

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