



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 17 September 2017



LIVING, MOVING AND HAVING OUR BEING IN THE MARKET-PLACE

a reflection for the latter stages
of our mission discernment

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, MOVING FROM SYNAGOGUE TO MARKET-PLACE;

JESUS, FLOATING IDEAS AND ASKING PUBLIC QUESTIONS;

JESUS, REVEALING THE BROAD AND HEALING PRESENCE OF GOD.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

All For Jesus

John Stainer (1840-1901)



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| 1. All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless, | 2. In your day of loss and sorrow,
in your day of helpless strife,
honor, peace, and love retreating,
seek the Lord, who is your life. |
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3. In your day of wrath and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
"I must work while it is day."
4. For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him,
offering peace from Calvary's hill.
5. Risen Lord! shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our Judge, our Glory;
be its name, "The Lord is there!"

Erik Reginald Routley (1917-1982)

Prayer of Approach

We are, O God,
a church on the edge of a market-place,
set among businesses and shops.
Here is made true your age-old promise
that we will live by work,
the sweat of our brow.

**SO WE MAKE OUR WIDGETS
TRADE OUR GADGETS,
BALANCE WHAT WE EARN AND OWE.**

We are, O God,
on the edge of another market-place -
of ideas and values.

Value this!

VALUE THAT!

Stand for this!

STAND FOR THAT!

Within that crucible of values,
we are, indeed,
a culture on the edge of a wider fragmentation,
where people need one another more than ever:

**NEEDING TRUST,
NEEDING TRUTH.**

Into the contest of ideas,
the Christ, your Jesus, comes.
He comes with his setting aside of glory,
with his confusing renunciation of power.

He comes with his band of mis-fitting neighbours united,

**CELEBRATING PEACE AND GREAT SALVATION,
TRUTH AND LIBERATION,
HOPE AND RESURRECTION.**

He who loved whom the world called “sinners”,
he who put down the mighty from their seat,
lifting up the humble and meek,
stormed the market, saying:

**HERE IS YOUR GOD,
COME AND FOLLOW ME.**

We try to follow him,
yet we must mourn our not having done so.
We confess our easy adoption of shallow promises.
We confess our being arrogant about our beliefs.
We confess our anathematising of those around us.

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:

In the name and love of Jesus, O God,
your servant Paul entered the market-place in Athens,
a contest of ideas and competing values.
By your grace, he was able to transcend
his natural fear and suspicion of what he saw.
By the grace of others,
he moved towards healing conversation.

**GRANT THAT WE, ALSO,
MAY NEGOTIATE OUR DAY’S CONTEST OF IDEAS.**

May we learn to listen and love,
DISCOVERING YOU IN UNEXPECTED PEOPLE AND PLACES.

We pray this in Jesus' name;
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: 18-19a

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

The Second Lesson: Acts 17: 16-28

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

Sermon: Into the market-place

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.

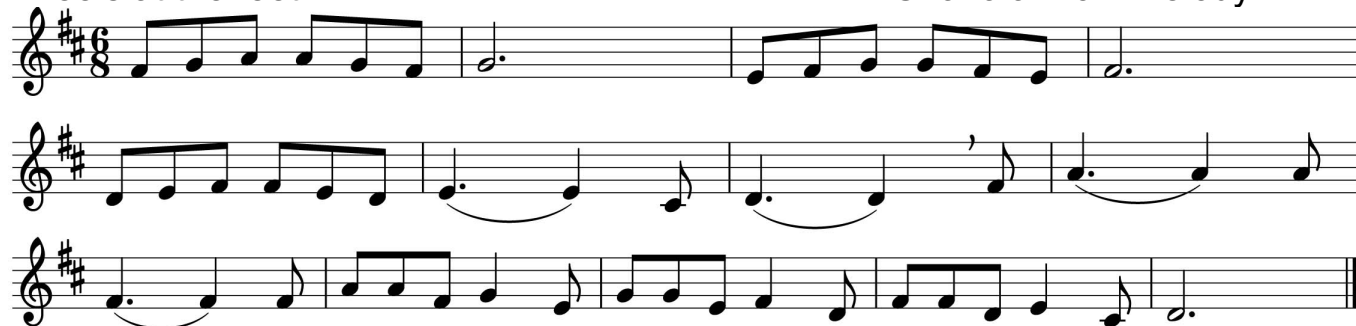
Knox Singers: All in the April evening
Hugh S. Robertson (1874-1952)

Missional Post-Script: Discovering our neighbours, loving service,
transforming society, offering a peaceful place,
modelling and facilitating respectful conversation,
signage and sermons

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 Liz Baxendine

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We ask God to bless the offering we make right now.

We ask God also to bless our being servants in the market-place of ideas.

**THAT OUR INFLUENCE MAY BE GRACIOUS AND HELPFUL
WITHIN THE PURPOSES OF GOD,**

that our way may be healing and respectful,

OPENING DOORS FOR THE WONDER AND MERCY OF GOD.

May more conversations begin than end,

AND MAY GOD BE IN ALL THAT IS SAID.

AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Jerusalem

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



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)*

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Haut volontaire pour organe, No. 1
Léon Boëlmann (1862-1897)

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

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Mission Discernment follow-up

Last week we circulated a discussion paper (with lots of questions) that presented major themes emerging from our last mission discernment forum. Copies of the paper are available this morning from the table in the new foyer. This morning's service is themed around the devotions that gave rise to those themes, and a post-sermon Missional Post-script outlines some of the questions we need to answer to move us forward. Following the service, I will be available in the children's corner to hear your responses to the circulated questions and any other thoughts you might have. If you prefer, you can write your thoughts on a post it note, and stick it on a "question grid" white board.

Matthew.

**Last year's General Assembly, looking forward to this year's general election, adopted the following statement:
"we say yes"**

Justice in Action: "We say "yes!"

Say yes to the dignity and value of every person.

We say no to a society that ascribes different value to people depending on where they were born or how they make their way in this world. Therefore we commit ourselves to the work of peace making, reconciliation and building a society of justice and equality.

Say yes to closing the gap between the rich and the poor.

We say no to the rich getting richer at the expense of the poor getting poorer. Therefore we seek to give privilege to the voices of the poor in our communities.

Say yes to dignified and affordable housing that provides for the wellbeing of family and community.

We say no to families forced to live in garages and in unhealthy over crowded homes. Therefore we seek the collaboration of Government, businesses, social service agencies, social entrepreneurs and local faith communities to find short and long term solutions to the crisis of homelessness.

We say yes to safe and loving families.

We say no to family violence. Therefore we support white ribbon and

neighbours days and conversations in our communities that break the silence on family violence.

Say yes to a New Zealand that is welcoming and hospitable to refugees seeking sanctuary.

We say no to outdated government policies that fail to make New Zealand a responsible global citizen. Therefore we advocate for an increase in the refugee quota along with communities of welcome and hospitality.

We the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand say yes to rolling up our sleeves and doing something about it.

We say no to all talk and no action. Therefore we are prepared to put our resources of time, talent and treasure to making a difference as a visible witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

In the upcoming 2017 General Election and beyond we say yes to policies that deliver greater social equality.

We say no to tax cuts that do not meet the needs of the most vulnerable. Therefore we seek any government proposal on tax cuts be redirected towards the needs of the most vulnerable AND a review of our taxation policies to reflect an equitable society.

We say yes to a sustainable and zero carbon economy.

We say no to policies and practices that contribute to unsustainable growth such as dependence on fossil fuels and excessive lifestyles. Therefore we advocate movement towards clean and sustainable energy and action to limit destructive human impacts on the environment.

Within our own communities of faith we say yes to "Justice and Action" being incorporated into the life and mission of every congregation.

We say no to blind eyes and deaf ears to the cry of the poor. Therefore we pray that we will be broken open by the love of God for our communities and become agents of grace, compassion, healing and social transformation.

The PCANZ, along with Presbyterian Support, is sitting around the table with Government and social service agencies giving voice and advocacy on these issues.

The PCANZ, in partnership with Presbyterian Support throughout the country, is offering practical support and resources as we work together towards social transformation.

We call upon every Presbyterian, Union and Cooperating congregation to take up the gospel mandate of being agents of Justice and Action.



NOTICES

This Week: 17 September – 23 September 2017

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm	Fireside Group – See Below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 24 September – 30 September 2017

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Faith, film and Fiction – See below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Knox Fireside Group - The next Fireside Group meeting is on Monday 18 September at 7 30 in the committee room. At this meeting members are invited to bring their Hobbies, Crafts that they are doing now or perhaps have worked on in the past and share them with others. This is open to all members of the congregation to come and share.

Faith, film and fiction – Sunday 24 September 11.15am in Committee Room. Naomi and John Suresh will introduce us to the *Ramayana* which is one of the gems of Tamil literature. Prince Rama is one of the most important people in South East Asia history and literature, and his epic story also has religious significance. An introductory booklet is available in the new foyer for you to have a preview.

Speaker at Knox Café - 3rd September: If you missed or would like a copy of the power point used by Maysoon in her presentation about the fundamentals of Islam, please just email Bronwyn Wiltshire: bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com and I will send it to you.

Annual Car Park Clean Up - Please reserve 30 September, 9:30 am for what has become the annual car park clean up and socialising event. Bring tools including broom and shovel!

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

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



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- 1 Timothy 2: 1-7
- John 18: 29-38a

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