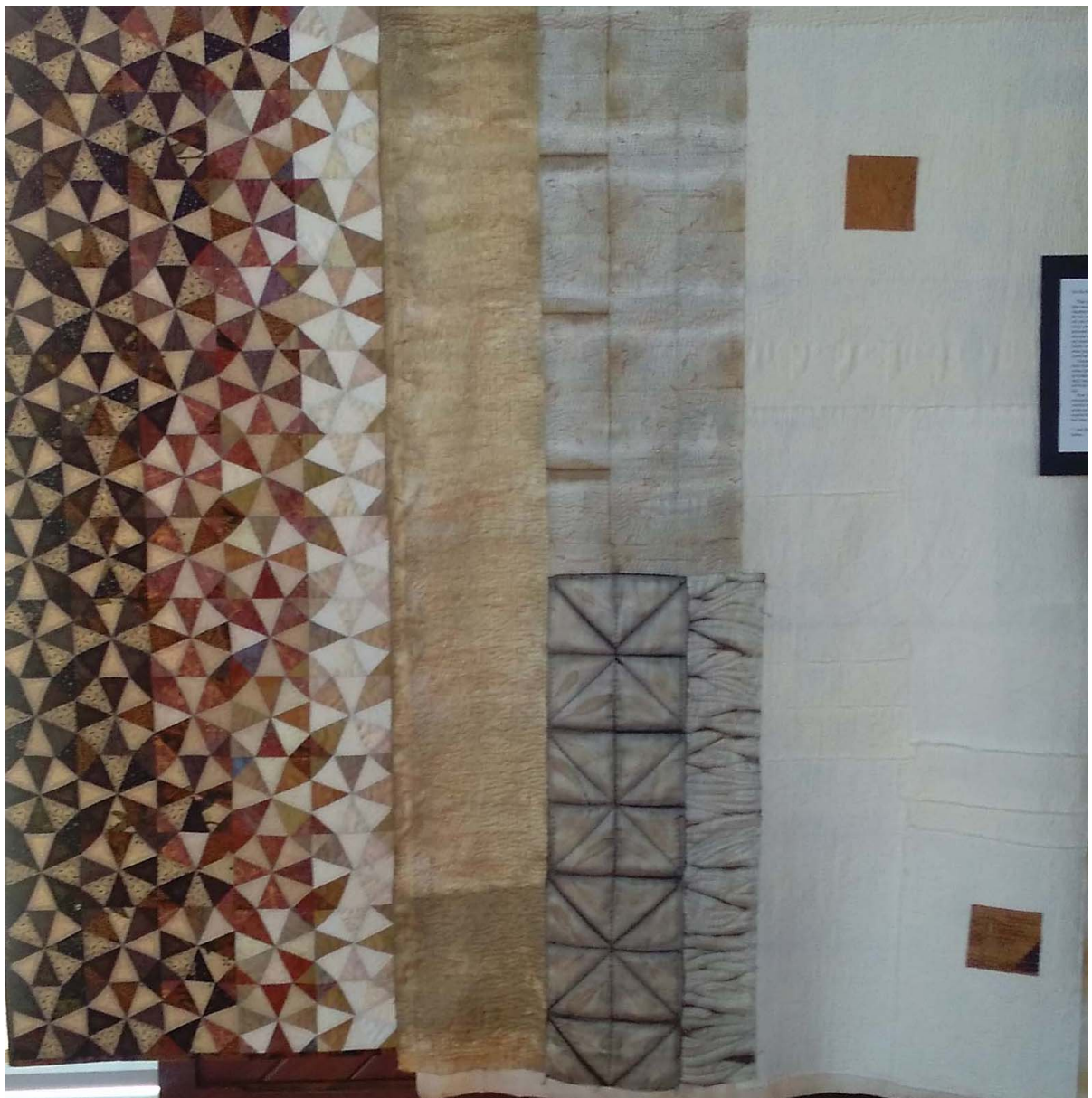




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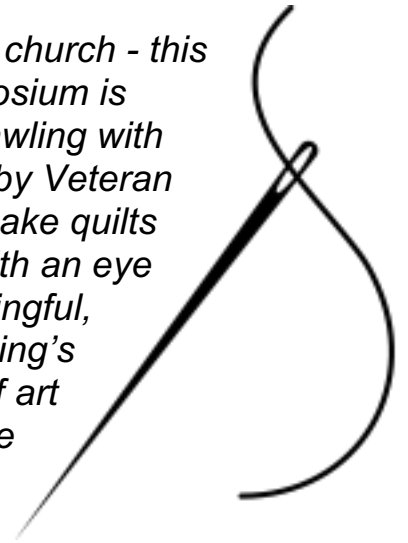
WELCOME TO KNOX

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.

*We gather for worship today with a display of quilts in the church - this exhibition being held while a National Quilting Symposium is happening up the road in Strowan. Christchurch is crawling with quilters this weekend. The quilts in **this** exhibition are by Veteran Stitchers, using recycled and naturally dyed fabrics to make quilts that are hand stitched, using simple methods and tools with an eye for sustainability. The quilts show contemplative, meaningful, meditative stitching coming "out of the heart". This morning's service takes its theme from engagement with that kind of art production. Please feel free, after the service, to view the quilts - and to talk to any of the artists who may be with us. We plan, over the next few weeks, to engage with some of the quilts that we haven't referenced today.*



The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world:
JESUS, WHO CALLED A FRAZZLED PERSON TO BE STILL;
JESUS, WHOSE BUSY LIFE STILL WAS LIKE CALM AMID THE STORM;
JESUS, WORSHIPPED IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.

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

Hymn:

Was Lebet

from Choral-Buch of Johann Heinrich Reinhardt (1754)



1. Worship our God in the beauty of holiness,
bring thy devotion, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bringing, adoring, we praise the great name.
2. Low at God's feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high in God's heart it will be born for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
3. Fear not to enter the courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on the shrine.
4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
God will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
5. Worship our God in the beauty of holiness,
bring thy devotion, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bringing, adoring, we praise the great name.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875), alt.

Prayer of Approach

Stories are told, O God,
of One who made the world
in a great creative flourish of work.
Construction, creation, achievement,
worlds being built.

YET YOU CALL US TO BE STILL.

We hear of a young man
who worked in a carpentry shop,
fashioning, sweating,
planing and polishing.

YET YOU CALL US TO BE STILL.

We hear of a great creative Spirit,
restless,
relentless,
ever-moving.

YET YOU CALL US TO BE STILL.

This is our worship, dear God:
to gather,
to sit,
to be quiet,
to acknowledge your presence,
TO BE STILL.

And so we do.
In the quiet of this moment,
we seek to know that you are God,
AND WE ARE STILL.

Silence

We confess, O God,
our busyness and anxiety,
our flitting from here to there,
all with not much deep effect.
We confess what the stress does to the human family,
with its gun massacres,
its impossible politics,
its lack of peace.

And 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:

God of work and Sabbath,
of productivity and peace,
through the psalmist,
you called the people to be still.
Through your son,
you called Martha to stop just for a while.

**MAY YOUR DESIRE FOR OUR PEACE AND WHOLENESS
RING RESONANTLY IN OUR SOULS.**

May we find a pace of life that honours you

**AND GIVES US SPACE
TO KNOW YOUR PRESENCE.**

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

Although there is no Sunday School during the holidays, young ones are welcome to enjoy the activity sheets in the children's area at the back of the church.

The First Lesson: Psalm 37: 1-7

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

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 10: 38-42

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

Hymn:
Miniver

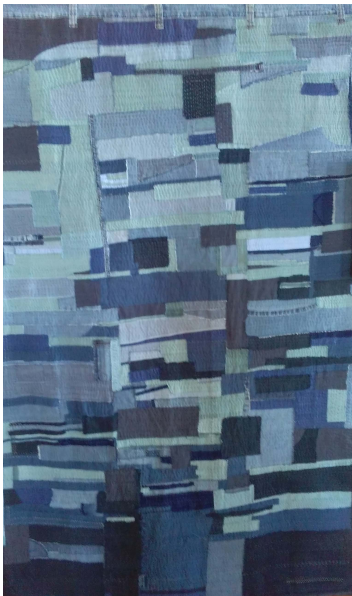
Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)



1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') (1901-1953)

Sermon: A sacred pace



Serena McWilliams,
"Time, and time again"



Dorothy Leadbeater,
"Treasure your friends"

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.

Music for Reflection: Adagio for Strings
Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Hymn:
Repton

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. Dear God, who fashioned humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of your word,
let us, like them, by spirit stirred,
rise up and followers be.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above!
There Jesus met you prayerfully:
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
4. Drop your still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of your peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
your coolness and your balm;

let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Andrew Johnston

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

God of pace and peace,
God of work and rest,
bless us with the capacity to live
at the right speed this week.

**ENABLE US TO OFFER OUR ROUTINE AND OUR SPONTANEITY,
OUR PROGRESS AND OUR QUIETNESS,
TO THE BLESSING OF YOUR WORLD.**

Bless also the offering we make just now,

**TO YOUR GLORY AND PRAISE,
AMEN.**

Notices

insurance
check house
test glory body
heal bring pass
closer
go find financially
presence
family health stay
healthy godly
guidance keish keep
friend
doctor restore

Hymn:

Nun Danket

Later form of melody by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)



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| 1. Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today. | 2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
God, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next. |
| 3. All praise and thanks to God
our Maker now be given,
to Christ and Spirit too,
our help in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be ever more. | |

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649),
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt*

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Improvisation
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: 8 October – 14 October 2017

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
5.00 pm Film Group – **See below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 15 October – 21 October 2017

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside Group - **See below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Faith Film and Fiction – Today, 5pm in the lounge. The film group will watch *The Viceroy's House* about the independence and division of India in 1947, focusing on Lord Mountbatten (the last Viceroy of India), Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru and Jinnah.

Beca Heritage Week: Sunday 15th October 1-4pm KNOX CHURCH OPEN DAY. This year we will have the church and new foyer open from 1-4pm, with live music every 15 minutes from 2.00 - 3.30pm. Daniel and the Knox Singers are organising the musical programme, but we also need helpers - in a roster - to assist with being on site. We are not using the Knox Centre this year, but will need to have people around to usher the visitors in and out and be alert for security. If you could help for some (or all) of the time, please let Bronwyn Wiltshire know: 0274 797718 or 351 9445 or email bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com. There is also a sheet in the new foyer for names. The Beca Heritage Week programme is available in both foyers.

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Fireside Group will be held on Monday 16 October at 7.30pm in the lounge. Speaker is from MHERC and will be talking about mental Health . All welcome

Southern Environmental Trust – “Pathways to Swimmable Rivers”
Wednesday 18th October 7pm at Knox Church. A free public forum. All welcome.

University of Canterbury concert/exam recital – Sunday 22 October 2pm in the Church. All welcome. No charge.

Jonathan Voon Piano Recital – Featuring Beethoven's “Moonlight Sonata”. Sunday 29th October, 2pm at Knox Church. Jonathan is a diploma student of Daniel's. Entry \$5

Knox Life - Our next issue of Knox Life will be distributed in November. We would love to have your articles, reviews, poems, photos etc to share with the Knox community. Please email contributions to the Knox office by the end of October.

Neighbourhood Week - During Neighbourhood Week, Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November, we would like to reach out to some not-for-profit groups in our area by taking their staff some home-baked goodies for their morning tea one day. Would you be able to do a little baking for them? Or would you be willing to deliver our gifts to one of the groups? If so, please contact Jennifer McKinnon (338 0333) or Janet Wilson (338 7203).

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:

- Psalm 139: 7-12
- 1 John 1: 1-7

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