



# KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

## Order of Service 28 January 2018

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## THE FOOD CONTROVERSY

and whether it was ever actually about food

“Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat that food,  
so that I may not cause one of them to fall.”

- Paul, an intelligent, early Christian boundary rider -

## 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, NOURISHING THE SPIRIT, AND FEEDING THE SOUL;**

**JESUS, TURNING ATTENTION FROM THE DIFFERENCE TO THE SIMILARITY;**

**JESUS, MAKING ROOM FOR EVERY PERSON.**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Leoni

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)



1. Community of Christ,  
who make the Cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your life  
for God alone:  
the God who wears your face,  
to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race  
and every song.
2. Community of Christ,  
look past the Church's door  
and see the refugee, the hungry,  
and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed,  
the jobless in your street,  
take towel and water, that you wash  
your neighbour's feet.
3. Community of Christ,  
through whom the word must sound -  
cry out for justice and for peace  
the whole world round:  
disarm the powers that war  
and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish  
into joy.
4. When menace melts away,  
so shall God's will be done,  
the climate of the world be peace  
and Christ its Sun;  
our currency be love  
and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one  
for evermore.

*Shirley Murray (b. 1931)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

The community of Christ is assured  
that God is love,  
that Christ breaks down walls,  
that the Spirit extends the table.

**WE ARE THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST.**

The community of Christ is heartened  
through surprising friendships,  
through differences overcome,  
through enmities creatively ended.

**WE ARE THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST.**

*Silence*

The community of Christ is challenged -  
the wero is laid -  
for us to greet and welcome all who bear the face of God.  
The community of Christ is dared  
to live as if all people belong at the one same table.

**WE ARE THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST.**

Dear God,  
the community of Christ begins to feel nervous,  
for this call to unity confronts us  
with the need to deal with difference,  
to make decisions together that are compromising,  
to share with others what is sacred and precious.  
**WE ARE THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST.**

*Silence*

The community of Christ,  
this day, will listen to one of its apostles  
thinking through an issue that appears to be about food.  
The community of Christ will quickly realise that it isn't just about dining.  
**IT WILL BE ABOUT PEOPLE.**

It will be about love.  
**IT WILL BE ABOUT LETTING GO.**

It will be about not having to be right.  
**IT WILL BE ABOUT SAYING "YES" TO OTHERS.**

In preparation for our listening, then, O God,  
we surrender, to your kindness,  
our insistence to be right,  
our grabbing at every piece of food,  
our tendency to suspect and reject  
those whom you would have us love.

Accordingly we say:

Lord have mercy.  
**CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**  
Lord have mercy.

*Silence*

### **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, whose love is broad,  
your servant Paul took good news to remotest places  
and to peoples he'd never envisaged.  
You gifted him with skills to think beyond the boundaries,  
and to sow the ways of the love of Jesus.

**GRANT US ALSO  
HIS CAPACITY TO THINK, FEEL, AND ADAPT,  
THAT YOUR BLESSING MIGHT REACH MANY PLACES  
AND PEOPLE.**

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 summer break, young ones will find activity sheets and toys in the play area at the back of the church.*

**The First Lesson:** Psalm 111

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

**The Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

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

**Hymn:**

Neighbour

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)



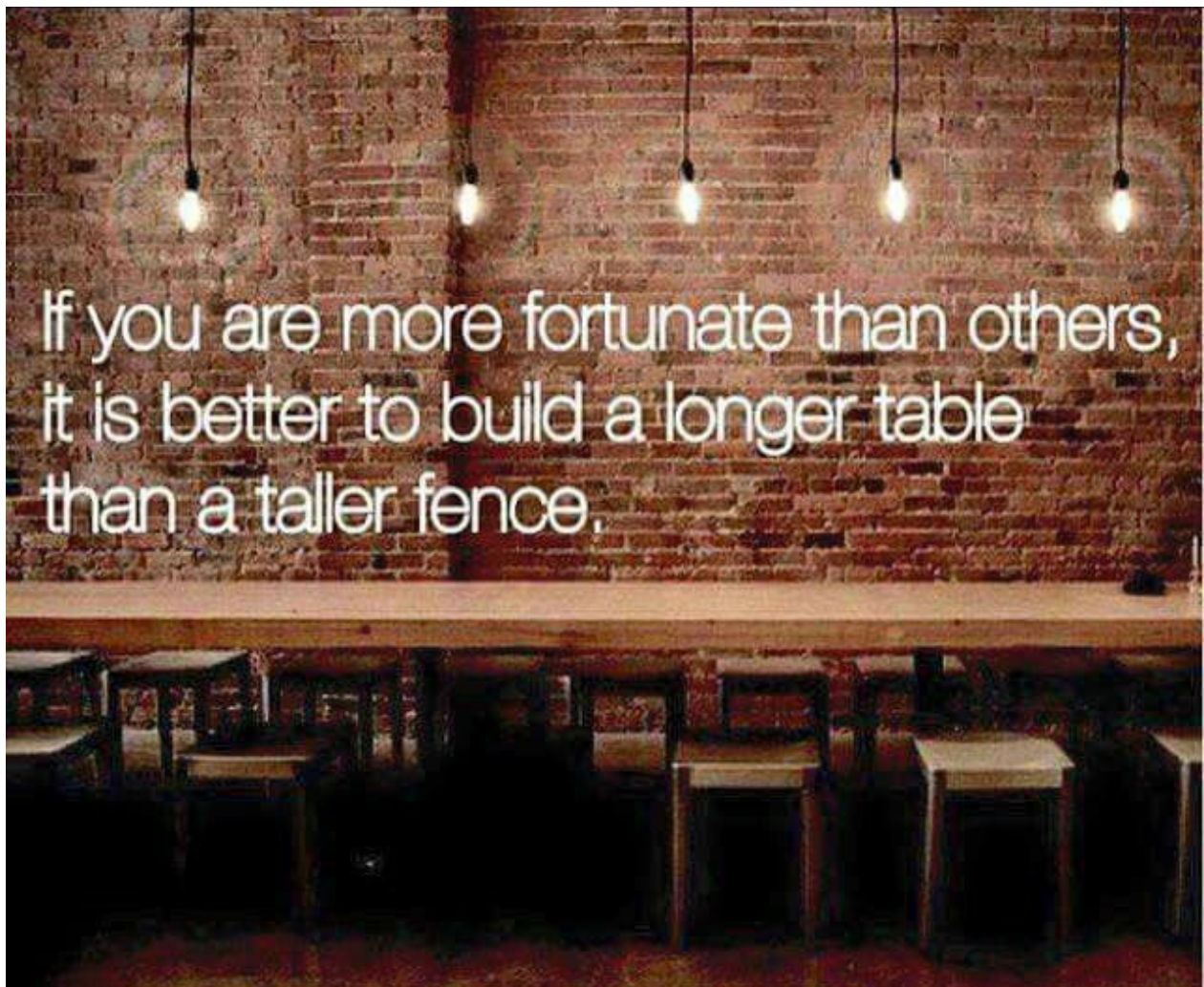
1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,  
were you there?*
2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*
3. I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?  
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*
4. When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a shelter, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*
5. When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a healer, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*

6. When they put me in prison, were you there, were you there?  
When they put me in prison, were you there?  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*
7. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there'  
wherever you travel, I'll be there.  
*And the creed and the colour . . .*

*Sydney Carter (1915-2004)*

**Sermon:** The bigger table

*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:** Ach Gott und Herr, BWV 692  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**When you have more than you need,  
build a bigger table, not a higher fence.**

**-Anonymous**



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## Hymn:

### Singing Love

Colin Alexander Gibson (b. 1933)



1. He came singing *love*  
And he lived singing *love*;  
He died singing *love*.  
He arose in silence.  
For the *love* to go on we must make it our song:  
You and I be the singers
2. He came singing *faith* . . .
3. He came singing *hope* . . .
4. He came singing *peace* . . .

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*led by Kim Bathgate*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Bless what we offer, O God.

**HELP US BUILD BIGGER TABLES,  
AND TO PULL DOWN THE FENCES THAT DIVIDE.**

Give us hearts that are willing to concede

**FOR THE SAKE OF THE LOVE THAT YOUR ARE BUILDING.  
AMEN.**

## Notices

**Hymn:**  
Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



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| <p>1. Love divine, all loves excelling,<br/>joy of heaven, to earth come down,<br/>fix in us thy humble dwelling,<br/>all thy faithful mercies crown:<br/>Jesu, thou art all compassion,<br/>pure unbounded love thou art;<br/>visit us with thy salvation,<br/>enter every trembling heart.</p>    | <p>2. Come, almighty to deliver,<br/>let us all thy life receive;<br/>suddenly return, and never,<br/>never more thy temples leave:<br/>thee we would be always blessing,<br/>serve thee as thy hosts above,<br/>pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,<br/>glory in thy perfect love.</p> |
| <p>3. Finish then thy new creation,<br/>pure and spotless let us be,<br/>let us see thy great salvation,<br/>perfectly restored in thee:<br/>changed from glory into glory,<br/>till in heaven we take our place,<br/>till we cast our crowns before thee,<br/>lost in wonder, love and praise.</p> |   |

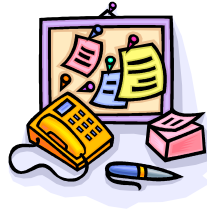
*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## Benediction and Sung Amen

**Postlude:** Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 715  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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## NOTICES

### **This Week: 28 January – 3 February 2018**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

### **Next Week: 4 February - 10 February 2018**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Film invitation from Durham St** – You are all invited! An informal shared lunch (BYO finger food to share) after church on Sunday 28 January and an opportunity to watch the film “Seven Rivers Walking” by Gaylene Barnes and Kathleen Gallagher. Film from 12.30pm, expected finish time 2.30pm. Daniela Bagozzi, Durham St.

**Faith, Film and Fiction** – The book and film groups will start again this year on Sunday 11 February in the lounge at 5pm when we will watch the film Poi E! The first book presentation will be on Sunday 25 February in the Committee Room at 11.15am. For dates and details of the year’s programme please contact Bronwyn at [bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com](mailto:bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com)

**Fireside Outing, Saturday February 17th-** All are invited to visit the Canterbury Museum to see the display of the 50 greatest photographs published in the National Geographic over the past 120 years. Followed with coffee at Robert Harris Cafe in the YMCA Building Hereford Street. Please meet in front of the Museum by 2pm.

**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 [janmwil507@gmail.com](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com)**



### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 144: 9-15
- 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

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