

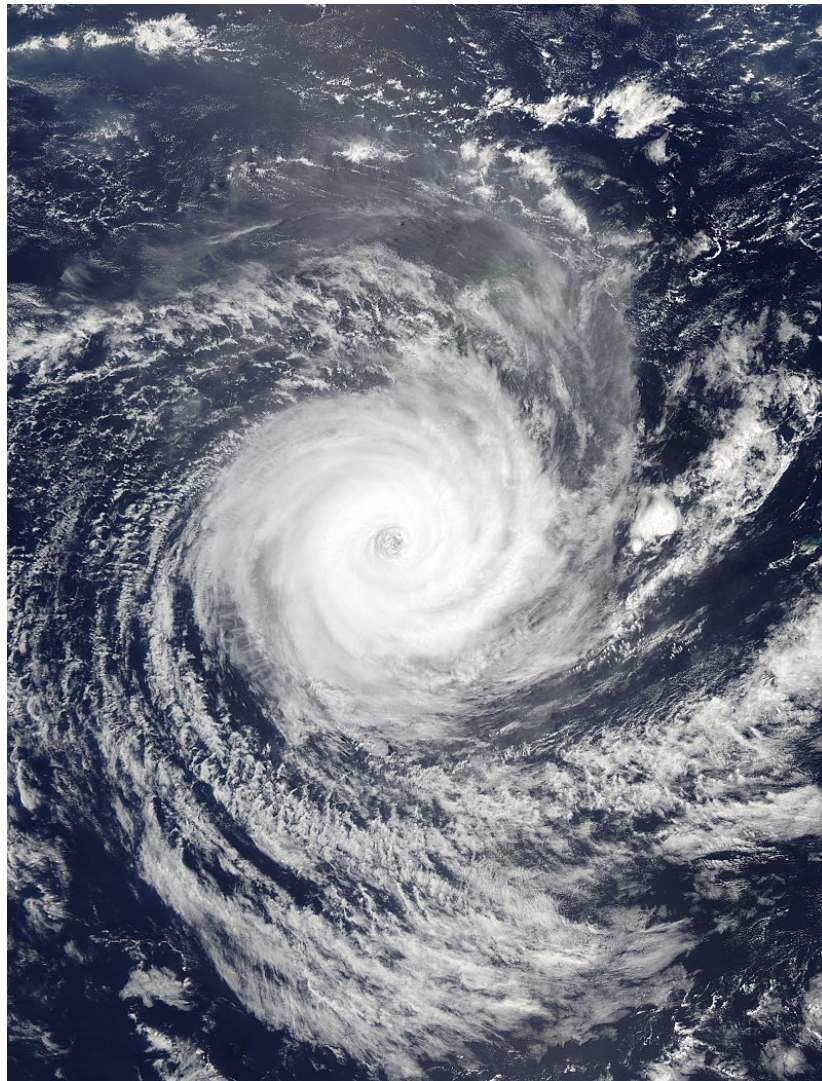


# KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

## Order of Service 6 May 2018

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**VOICES FOR THE EARTH**  
**- responding to climate change -**  
working with Opoho Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

## 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, WHO KNEW THE SUN ON HIS FACE  
AND THE STORM BENEATH HIS FEET;  
JESUS, WHO CALLED US TO LIVE WITH THE GENTLENESS OF GOD;  
JESUS, WHO CALLS US NOW TO LOVE AND CARE FOR CREATION.**

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

### Hymn:

St John (Havergal)

The Parish Choir, Vol. III, 1851



1. Let all creation dance  
in energies sublime,  
as order turns with chance,  
unfolding space and time;

for nature's art  
in glory grows,  
and newly shows  
God's mind and heart.

2. Our own amazing earth,  
with sunlight, cloud, and storms,  
and life's abundant growth  
in lovely shapes and forms  
is made for praise,  
a fragile whole,  
and from its soul  
heaven's music plays.
3. Lift heart and soul and voice:  
in Christ all praises meet,  
and nature shall rejoice  
as all is made complete.  
In hope be strong,  
all life befriend,  
and gladly tend  
creation's song.

*Brian Wren (b. 1936)*

### **Prayer of Adoration:**

*Matthew* Just by being,  
simply by existing,  
the natural order offers its praise:  
*Margaret* beauty, creativity, movement, and life begetting life.  
*All* **ALL CREATION DANCES.**

*Matthew* From within the dance,  
we too, God's image-bearers,  
offer our word of praise:  
*Margaret* wonder and gratitude,  
*All* **GAZING AT THE STARS,  
FEET TREADING THE SOIL OF THE EARTH.**

*Matthew* God saw that it was good.  
*Margaret* God said that it was good.  
*All* **AND ALL WAS WELL.**

*Matthew* Praise and thanks to God.  
*Margaret* Praise and thanks to God.  
*All* **PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD.**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

***A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Psalm of Darkness - by Tui Bevin,***

Compassionate God, we remember the good news of Easter morning;  
we've said our Hallelujahs and we've sung about being an Easter people;

but should we really leave Easter behind without a thought of what might happen during a typical six weeks here on earth?

69 people would have committed suicide in New Zealand; and somewhere in the world one person suicided every forty seconds.

Around the world 6.8 million babies would be born into poverty, 33,600 women would die from pregnancy and childbirth and 1¼ million under five year olds would die preventable deaths.

Three languages would become extinct; and a few thousand plant and animal species would become extinct.

There would be 40 active conflicts and wars and three million guns would be sold in the US alone.

336 million people would fly in airplanes; and about 4 million acres of tropical rain forest would be lost.

There would be 60 million disposable nappies used in New Zealand, and 42 billion worldwide.

60.5 new plastic bottles would be made; and sold; and roughly the same number of plastic bags will be made and discarded.

And lastly, the science and numbers on irreversible climate change are fast becoming too terrifying to contemplate.

Some tell me that what I do or what I don't do won't make any difference, but in that case, what will?

What will it take to make people, politicians, and business leaders

- ~ put faceless others ahead of themselves,
- ~ put their grandchildren's futures ahead of their greed,
- ~ put compassion ahead of their anger, and
- ~ put the environment ahead of their wants?

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 nurturing love,  
whose care for creation  
holds all things in being,

**GIVE US THE CAPACITY  
TO SHARE IN YOUR SPIRIT OF CARING,  
THAT WE MIGHT BECOME GOOD STEWARDS OF THE EARTH  
AND OF ONE ANOTHER.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
and pray as he taught us, 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**

*Although there is no Sunday School at the moment, young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.*

**The First Lesson:** Deuteronomy 8: 7-10

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

**Knox Singers:** Where are the voices for the earth?  
Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

**The Second Lesson:** Genesis 1: 27-31

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

**Hymn:**

Tenderness

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)



1. Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger,  
who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster  
clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive.
3. Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden,  
hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living,  
God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,

teach us, deflect us,  
Christ re-connect us,  
using us gently and making us one.

*Shirley Murray (b. 1931)*

**Reflection:** Rev. Margaret Garland

**Hymn:**

Love Unknown

John Nicholson Ireland (1879-1962)



1. God, bring the day to pass  
when forest, rock and hill,  
the beasts, the birds, the grass,  
will know your finished will:  
when we attain our destiny  
and nature its lost unity.
2. Forgive our careless use  
of water, ore and soil;  
the plenty we abuse,  
supplied by others' toil:  
save us from making self our creed,  
turn us towards our neighbour's need.
3. Give us, when we release  
creation's secret powers,  
to harness them for peace,  
our children's peace and ours:  
teach us the art of mastering,  
which makes life rich and draws death's sting.
4. Creation groans, travails,  
bound in its futile plight  
until the hour it hails  
the new found of the light,  
who enter on their true estate.  
Come, Lord: new heavens and earth create.

*Ian Mason Fraser (b. 1917)*

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

### The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Bless the food, that it may sustain the hungry.  
Bless the money, that it may meet the need.

**BLESS ALSO US,  
THAT WE MIGHT BE COURAGEOUS AND RESOURCEFUL  
IN KEEPING AND CARING FOR THE EARTH.**

In Jesus' name we pray.  
**AMEN.**

### Notices

#### Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Where mountains rise to open skies  
your name, O God, is echoed far,  
from island beach to kauri's reach,  
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. Your people's heart, your people's part  
be in our caring for this land,  
for faith to flower, for aroha  
to let each other's mana stand.
3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,  
from lack of vision, set us free  
to see the line of your design,  
to feel creation's energy.



4. Your love be known, compassion shown,  
that every child have equal scope:  
in justice done, in trust begun  
shall be our heritage and hope.
  
5. Where mountains rise to open skies  
your way of peace distil the air,  
your spirit bind all humankind,  
one covenant of life to share!

*Shirley Murray (b. 1931)*

**Benediction** and **Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Tuba Tune  
Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

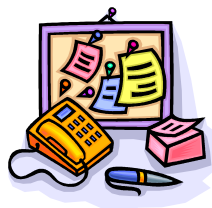
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**Rev. Rod Madill**

Matthew's trip to Dunedin, for the Opoho Climate Change event, came just a couple of days after Rod Madill's 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Matthew presented Rod with a bunch of flowers, and conveyed Knox's very best wishes to him. Rod appeared delighted with the greeting, and asked that his warm greetings be conveyed to the congregation. Rod was an associate minister at Knox from 1975 until his retirement in 1980.



## NOTICES

<b>This Week:</b>	<b>6 May – 12 May 2018</b>
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship 2.00pm Voices for the Earth – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study 2.00pm Afternoon Communion – <b>see below</b>

<b>Next Week:</b>	<b>13 May – 19 May 2018</b>
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship 4.00pm Film Group – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

### **End of year statements for regular donors**

End of the Financial Year Statements recording your regular donations to Knox are available for collection in the foyer. This documentation is required for refund claims from the IRD.

*Janet Wilson Donations Secretary.*

**Voices for the Earth** - Talk on Climate Change. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Seminar 2-5pm in the Hall. Seminar speakers include Bronwyn Hayward, author of "Sea Change: Climate Politics and New Zealand". See separate insert.

**Liedertafel Male Voice Choir** – presents Songs of Screen and Stage. Sunday 6 May 2.15pm at St Andrews College Chapel, Normans Road. Programme entry \$15. Musical Director – Daniel Cooper. Accompanist – Lynley Fuglestad.

**Afternoon Communion** – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm followed by Afternoon Tea in the Chapel. (Postponed from 11<sup>th</sup> April). All welcome.

**Film Group** – Sunday 13 May at 4pm in Lounge. Following our excellent presentation of cartoons by Kim, we will watch the film A Dogs tail, the full length animated film based on the beloved Footrot Flats by Murray Bell. See Wal and Dog and their friends and family!

**ECU Action** – What on Earth if God doing about unity? Stories of Justice, Peace and Hope. Sunday 13 May 7 – 8.30pm in the Hall. Speakers – Ngaire Button, Rev Ben Truman, Father Frank Kelly and Rev Sheena Dickson. Supper served afterwards. Free/koha. Contact Mary 021387088, Brian 0211294305.

**SOS for knitters and 100% wool donations for the New Born Babies on the Birthing Suite at Christchurch Women's Hospital.** The Birthing Suite are desperate for hats, singlets, cardigans and bootees in new born size. It must be pure wool and not acrylic. *(The benefit of wool is that it can help with stabilising a baby's body temperature. Because it is a natural fibre it breathes, so there is less moisture build up. It is also flame resistant, keeps warm in winter and cool in summer, is stain resistant, biodegradable and soft –Mary Campbell CDHB).* These can be sent to the Fetal Medicine Unit at Christchurch Women's Hospital, alternatively Sandra Wilson (St Albans Community Centre Manage) can pick up. Please put a note of who or where they are from as they would like to put a Thank You in the CDHB newsletter.

**CCS Disability Action** is a community organisation that provides support, advocacy and information for people with a disability.

We are currently looking for a foster family for a 12 year old boy. His interests include Lego, animals and getting out in his community. Providing a safe and stable home will give this young man the chance to be included in a family environment and stay connected with the things that are most important to him such as school, friends or his community.

Training and support are provided. If you're interested in welcoming a child into your family, give us a call to find out more about Foster Care with CCS Disability Action.

Sheryl Catchpole Phone: (03) 365 5661 or 0800 227 2255  
Email: [southern.recruitment@ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz](mailto:southern.recruitment@ccsdisabilityaction.org.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 [janmwil507@gmail.com](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com)**



**The Bible reading for next week will be:**

- Acts 1: 1-11

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