

KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 8 July 2018



WHAT TIME IS IT?

a service of readings, reflections and hymns with the Sumner Silver Band

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.

Organ Meditation

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, GOD'S WISDOM EXPRESSED IN REAL TIME AND PLACE;

JESUS, GOD'S COURAGE AND CALM;

JESUS, CALLING US INTO HIS LIKENESS.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:



- 1. This day God gives me strength of high heaven, sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth, flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness, deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.
- 2. This day God sends me strength to sustain me, might to uphold me, wisdom as guide. Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening, your lips are speaking, friend at my side.
- 3. God's way is my way,
 God's shield is round me,
 God's host defends me,
 saving from ill.
 Angels of heaven,
 drive from me always
 all that would harm me,
 stand by me still.
- 4. Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One, king of creation, giver of rest, firmly confessing threeness of persons, oneness of Godhead, trinity blest.

James Quinn (1919-2010), alt.

Prayer of Approach

The day is a gift from God; it comes with blessings within. It comes with music and light, with singing and silence, A SERIES OF MOMENTS FOR MEETING THE PEACE OF GOD.

The day is a challenge from God; it comes with decisions to be made, with moments of testing of character. It comes with opportunities to be courageous, with moments in which we are dared to be kind.

A SERIES OF MOMENTS
OVER WHICH CONDUCT MIGHT FALL.

Into the day comes the old wisdom - that there is a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born,

A TIME TO DIE,

a time to plant,

A TIME TO PLUCK UP WHAT HAS BEEN PLANTED,

a time to break down,

A TIME TO BUILD UP,

a time to tear,

A TIME TO SEW,

a time to keep,

A TIME TO THROW AWAY,

a time to speak,

A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE.

Silence

Because we do not discern the times, do not always judge what the moment requires, we have hurt, we have injustice, we have war, we have pain.

Praying for God's wisdom and forgiveness we say

Lord have mercy.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Lord have mercy.

Assurance and Response

You are forgiven and you are free.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Prayer of Supplication:

God of wisdom, you have given us the gift of this day, and called us to live it wisely and well.

INSPIRE US,
AS WE MEDITATE ON JESUS,
TO DISCOVER HIS WILL,
TO FOLLOW HIS WAY OF LOVE,
AND TO MAKE THIS DAY A BLESSING FOR OTHERS.

We pray this in his name, and use the words he taught us:

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 ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.



A cycle of readings, reflections and hymns

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Reflection: A time for moving forward

Hymn:

Duke Street





- Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, my daily labour to pursue; you, only you, resolved to know, in all I think, or speak, or do.
- 2. The task your wisdom has assigned O let me cheerfully fulfil; in all my works your presence find, and prove your good and perfect will.
- 3. You may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance view, and labour on at your command, and offer all my works to you.
- 4. Give me to bear your easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray, and still on things eternal look and hasten to your glorious day;
- for you delightfully employ whate'er your bounteous grace has given, and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with you to heaven.

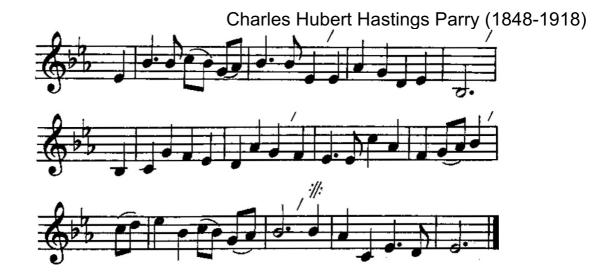
Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Reading: Luke 13: 6-9

Reflection: A time for holding back

Hymn:

Repton



- Dear God, embracing 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.
- 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)

Reading: John 2: 13-17

Reflection: A time for breaking down

<u>Hymn</u>: Cwm Rhondda John Hughes (1873-1932)



- 1. Sing a song for peace and justice, speak for those who cannot speak! Claim the world for peace and justice: let the strong support the weak. Light a candle in the darkness, hope and freedom must not die! hope and freedom must not die!
- 2. You who live in happy places, who can laugh and speak and sing, listen for the other voices mute with fear and suffering.

 Light a candle . . .
- 3. Thousands cry in nameless prisons plead with powers that hold the key: plead that human rights be honoured, that the innocent go free.

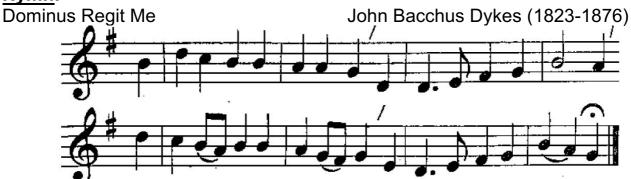
 Light a candle . . .

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Reading: Psalm 40: 1-3

Reflection: A time for building up

Hymn:



 Such perfect love my Shepherd shows, whose goodness fails me never, whose hand all things I need bestows and watches me forever.

- Where streams of living water flow, my loving Shepherd leads me, and where the verdant pastures grow with food from heaven feeds me.
- 3. When vain and foolish oft I strayed, you, faithful Shepherd, sought me, and on your shoulder gently laid, then home rejoicing brought me.
- 4. I do not fear death's shadowed vale when you are here beside me; your rod and staff and strength prevail to comfort and to guide me.
- 5. You spread a table in my sight, your gifts of grace bestowing; and from your chalice I delight to taste your mercy flowing.
- And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never; good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. based on Psalm 23

Reading: Mark 4: 26-28

<u>Reflection</u>: Beyond and throughout the seasons . . .

Hymn:



- For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God; for these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God; for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
- In the just reward of labour, God's will is done; in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done; in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God; for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;

for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us. most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Graeme Downie

The Offering and Dedication

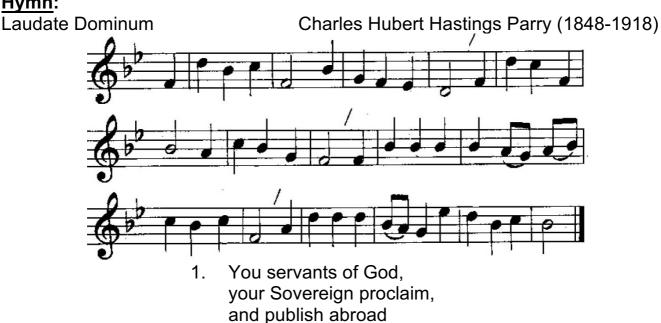
We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We offer money and food, praying God's blessing. WE OFFER ALSO OUR HEARTS AND MINDS, PRAYING THE COURAGE, LOVE AND WISDOM OF GOD.

May the hours of this coming week, be moments of grace and right decision, TO THE GLORY OF GOD, AMEN.

Notices





that wonderful name:

the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; who, sovereign and glorious, now rules over all.

- 2. God rules from on high, almighty to save; and still God is nigh, whose presence we have; the great congregation God's triumphs shall praise, ascribing salvation to Jesus always.
- 3. Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! let all cry aloud for what God has done: the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, still veiling their faces, they worship the Lamb.
- 4. Then let us adore, and render God's right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honour and blessing with angels above, and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: Hanseatic Suite - First Movement

Jacob de Haan (b. 1959)

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

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This Week: 8 July – 14 July 2018

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 15 July – 21 July 2018

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – **see below**

Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Congregational meeting on 15 July A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 15 July in order to approve the budget for 2018-2019. The meeting will be held immediately after the morning service and copies of the budget will be available prior to the meeting.

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox fireside group is on Monday July 16 at 7 30pm in the Knox Lounge. This meeting is the AGM with Matthew as speaker. All welcome

Knox Café - The next Knox Café is on Sunday July 29 at 7 pm in the Knox Lounge. The speaker is Dame Ann Hercus who will speak about the journey she and John went on to discover the Hercus family roots. Dame Ann is a fascinating speaker and this talk will spur us to investigate our own family roots . . BYO nibbles and beverages; tea and coffee provided. All Welcome

General Assembly 2018 - This year, the Church's highest court meets at St Andrew's College, Christchurch, from Wednesday . 3 October to Sunday 7 October. GA18 is the main event in our calendar this year. Please come and bring your best. Our focus for GA18 is relationship: the relationship between God and you, you and your maker, and the relationship between you and others. The General Assembly website http://ga2018.nz is now live and we are ready to take registrations. Here you will find information on the venue, registration costs, accommodation and more.

ANYONE FOR SUNDAY LUNCH? Why not plan to join a group of Knox people for a casual cafe lunch on 22July? We'll meet at noon in the café at Oderings Garden Centre near Barrington Mall. It's next to the Z petrol station in Stourbridge Street just off Barrington Street and is a very pleasant venue with a range of food to suit a variety of tastes. Names required by Monday 16 July please. There are clipboards at each entrance to the church or you can email Janneke at <jannekenuysink@gmail.com> to book yourself in.

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







Sumner Brass Band 1911. Back: G.W. Pepper, N. Boss, J.C. Collins, W.J. Ballie, R. Cowan, F.W. Lawson Middle: G.Orr, C. Collins, J. Pegley, E.W. Gallop, E.E Newman, T. Darce, C. Phillips Front: H.W. Randall, G.T. Pease, W. Fenton (Bandmaster), S. Freeman, W.J. Rosewarne, W.G. Carter. Photo courtesy Sumner Museum.

Remembering the boys of Thailand



Remembering the twelve boys trapped inside the Tham Luang cave complex in the North of Thailand, and their coach.

Giving thanks for those who do difficult and frightening rescue work.

Praying for those who are sifting solutions for freeing the children.

Not to forget the girls of Thailand

The exact number of child-prostitutes in Thailand is not known. According to the US-based research institute "Protection Project", estimates of the number of children involved in prostitution living in Thailand ranges from 12,000 to the hundreds of thousands (ECPAT International). The government, university researchers, and NGOs estimate that there are as many as 30,000 to 40,000 prostitutes under 18 years of age, not including foreign migrants. Thailand's Health System Research Institute estimates that children in prostitution (mainly girls) make up 40% of prostitutes in Thailand.





The Bible readings for next week will be:

Mark 6: 14-29Psalm 85: 8-13

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