



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 30 September 2018



“REVELATION”

- A QUILT BY SUE SPIGEL -

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, LIVING JOYFULLY WITHIN THE LOVE OF GOD;

JESUS, KISSING AWAY THE DULLNESS OF CERTAINTY;

JESUS, CALLING US TO JOIN HIM ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



God of the journey,
where the road has taken surprising turns,
when the slope has sapped our energy,
when some of us fell on the side of the street,
great has been your healing and heartening.
You have helped us live again.

**MERCIFUL, MENDING GOD,
RECEIVE OUR PRAISE.**

God of the journey,
as we have travelled with you,
and with one another,
we have seen the strangest things:
holy people being horrible,
crimes and darkness,
wars and thefts,
the closing,
to the detriment of all,
of heart and mind.

So 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 light and renewal,
out of darkness you brought forth light.
Out of death, you brought forth life.
Into our culture of smallness
and meanness,
you poured your generosity
and love.

**MAKE US TO BE PEOPLE OF YOUR IMAGE,
LIVING KINDLY,
ADVENTUROUSLY
AND WITH THE GREAT LOVE OF CHRIST.**

We pray this in his name,
using the words he gave 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.

The Baptism of Keira Marie Bail

Introduction:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we come now to baptize Keira Marie Bail.

Baptism reminds us that God values each one of us. God's love has surrounded Keira all her life. God wants for her a life of love, joy and achievement.

Through this baptism we receive her into the fellowship of the church and pray that she will know the care and nurturing of Christian community.

In this act we are declaring our faith in God and we are stating our responsibility as parents, grandparents, extended family, friends, and as Christians, to help Keira to continue to grow into someone who will be able, with energy and joy, to live a life of faith, hope and love.

By sharing this sacrament we all take on ourselves the responsibility to play our part in spreading love, joy, hope and faith to all people.

(Keira's parents and other supporters come forward to the font.)

Baptismal vows:

Minister: (to parents) Do you promise, as far as you are able to, to build your family life on the love and truth that the church has taught us?

Parents: Yes, we do.

Minister: And do you promise to go on giving expression to that love and truth, for the sake of your own daughter, all the children among us and every human being?

Parents: Yes, we do.

Minister: (to congregation) And all of you, especially relatives and friends, do you receive Keira in the name of Christ?

Congregation: **YES, WE DO.**

Minister: Will you endeavour to support her and his parents through life with Christian love and understanding?

Congregation: **YES, WE WILL.**

The congregation stands for
The Prayer of Consecration

Water is poured into the font.

The minister says:

May God be with you.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.
WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Eternal God,
we thank you for the gift of water:
in the beginning you moved over the waters
to bring order out of chaos;
from the great flood in the days of Noah
you saved those on the ark;

through the Red Sea you led your people to freedom
from slavery in Egypt;
across the river Jordan you led Israel
to the land you promised;
in the waters of the Jordan our Lord was baptised by John
and anointed by the Spirit.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, bless **this** water
and Keira who will be baptised with it;
that she may be born anew
of water and the Spirit,
be raised to new life in Christ,
and continue to be his faithful disciple;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Baptism

The people remain standing for the act of baptism.

In the name of God, our Father;
in the name of Christ our Lord;
in the name of the Holy Spirit
we baptise you.

*The people respond: **AMEN.***

Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

Keira's Godmother, Camille Jeffrey, leads the
Baptismal Prayer:

Merciful God, you call us by name
and promise to each of us your constant love.
Watch over your servant Keira.

Deepen her understanding of the gospel;
strengthen her commitment to follow the way of Christ;
and keep her in the faith and communion of your church.
Increase her compassion for others;
send her into the world in witness to your love;
and bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Gracious God, giver of all life,
we pray for parents Natasha and Terry.

Give them wisdom and patience to guide their children in the way of Christ
and the faith of the church.

Let your peace and joy dwell in their home,
that their family life may be instructed by faith,
sustained by prayer and governed by love.

Strengthen them in their own baptism, that they may rejoice as children of God,
and serve you faithfully, in the name of Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

The Presentation of Baptismal Gifts

A Series of Readings, Reflections and Pieces

Narrative and Acknowledgement

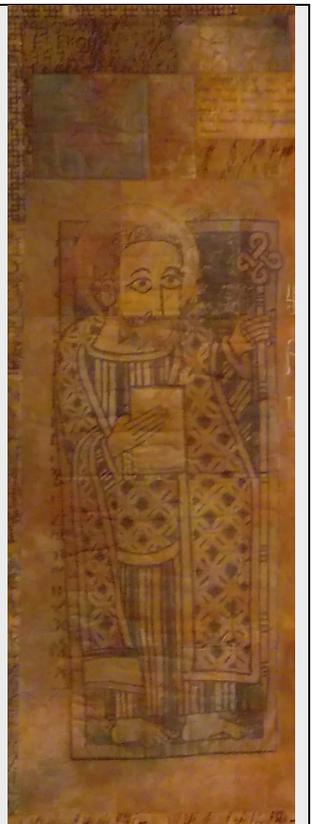
Reading

Psalm 19: 7-11

Reflection

The book and the alcove
- on being trapped

A Musical Response



Reading

Ephesians 1: 15-19

Reflection

The eyes of the heart
- on seeing with the heart

A Musical Response

“God be in my head”,
an anthem by Walford Davies (1869-1941)



Reading

Revelation 21: 1-7

Reflection

The whole earth shall cry “Glory!”
- on becoming new and free

A Musical Response



Prayer of Dedication

Acknowledging this beautiful quilt,
the skill and care that brought it to be,
the love in which it was given to us,
and the journey into which it calls us,
WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

For calling us out of our alcoves,
into the joy and freedom of faith,
for daring us to hope and grow,
WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

May all who see the quilt
be provoked in mind,
stirred or comforted in spirit,
and blessed,
**THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,
AMEN.**

Hymn:

Columbus

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.
*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.
Lord, you were our beginning . . .

3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.
Lord, you were our beginning . . .

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "Spirit of God"
you are invited to respond "**FROM THE ALCOVE SET US FREE**"

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

If we give,
**IT IS ONLY BECAUSE
WE HAVE RECEIVED.**

If we bless,
**IT IS ONLY BECAUSE
WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED.**

If we serve,
**IT IS ONLY BECAUSE
IN CHRIST,
GOD ALREADY HAS SERVED US.**

We make our offering
with gratitude
and in faith,
**THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:
Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



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

till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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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"time and space/s"

Arvo Pärt Salve Regina
Benjamin Britten Missa Brevis in D

The Knox Singers Chorus
Daniel Cooper Director

Sunday 30th September 7:30pm, Knox Church 28 Bealey Avenue
Programme entry \$20/\$25
www.knoxchurch.co.nz



NOTICES

This Week: 30 September – 6 October 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Knox Book Group see below
	7.30pm	Knox Singers concert – see below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 7 October – 13 October 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	7.00pm	Knox Café – see below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Knox Book Group - Sunday 30th September 11.15am in committee room: “A Man you can bank on” by Derek Hansen.

Time and Space/s – The Knox Singers Chorus with Daniel Cooper Director. Arvo Part – Salve Regina, Missa Brevis in D – Benjamin Britten. Sunday 30th September at 7.30pm, Knox Church, 28 Bealey Ave. Programme entry \$20/\$25.

Church Outing to Canterbury Museum Saturday October 6th at 2pm

To view display of “ Wild Life Photographs of the Year” 100 photographs on loan from National History Museum London This exhibition is well worth seeing and will be followed with Coffee at Robert Harris Coffee shop in the YMCA building

KNOX CAFÉ -The next Knox Café is on Sunday October 7 at 7pm in the Lounge. Margaret Lovell Smith creator of the display in the foyer “Voices Against War” will be the Speaker. BYO nibbles and drink. Tea and Coffee will be provided. All Welcome

The Christchurch Meditation Community - warmly invites you to an afternoon, Saturday 13 October, 1:00 to 4:00pm, at the Chapel Street Centre, cnr Chapel St and Harewood Rd. We'll be focussing on the practice of meditation - how we meditate. We'll hear about how teachers and children meditate in a Christchurch primary school, and we'll look at how we ourselves meditate. This is an opportunity to see if this form of prayer would be of value to you. A donation of \$10 to help cover costs would be appreciated. Please go to wccm.org and/or christianmeditationnz.org.nz for more information.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Our AGM will be held immediately after the morning service on Sunday 14 October. The written and financial reports will be available to the congregation before the AGM.

Acting Council Clerk – From 1 September for approximately 3 weeks Jean Brouwer will be acting Council Clerk. Jean's phone number is 355 6534.

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

American psychologist, Arthur Aron offers 36 questions he reckons can connect people deeply

Following the last two week's publication of the first twenty-four (which are important foundations for the next twelve - see the last two orders of service), here is the next set:

25. Make three true "we" statements each. For instance, "We are both in this room feeling ... "
26. Complete this sentence: "I wish I had someone with whom I could share ... "
27. If you were going to become a close friend with your partner, please share what would be important for him or her to know.
28. Tell your partner what you like about them; be very honest this time, saying things that you might not say to someone you've just met.
29. Share with your partner an embarrassing moment in your life.
30. When did you last cry in front of another person? By yourself?
31. Tell your partner something that you like about them already.
32. What, if anything, is too serious to be joked about?
33. If you were to die this evening with no opportunity to communicate with anyone, what would you most regret not having told someone? Why haven't you told them yet?
34. Your house, containing everything you own, catches fire. After saving your loved ones and pets, you have time to safely make a final dash to save any one item. What would it be? Why?
35. Of all the people in your family, whose death would you find most disturbing? Why?
36. Share a personal problem and ask your partner's advice on how he or she might handle it. Also, ask your partner to reflect back to you how you seem to be feeling about the problem you have chosen.



The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Genesis 2: 18-24

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