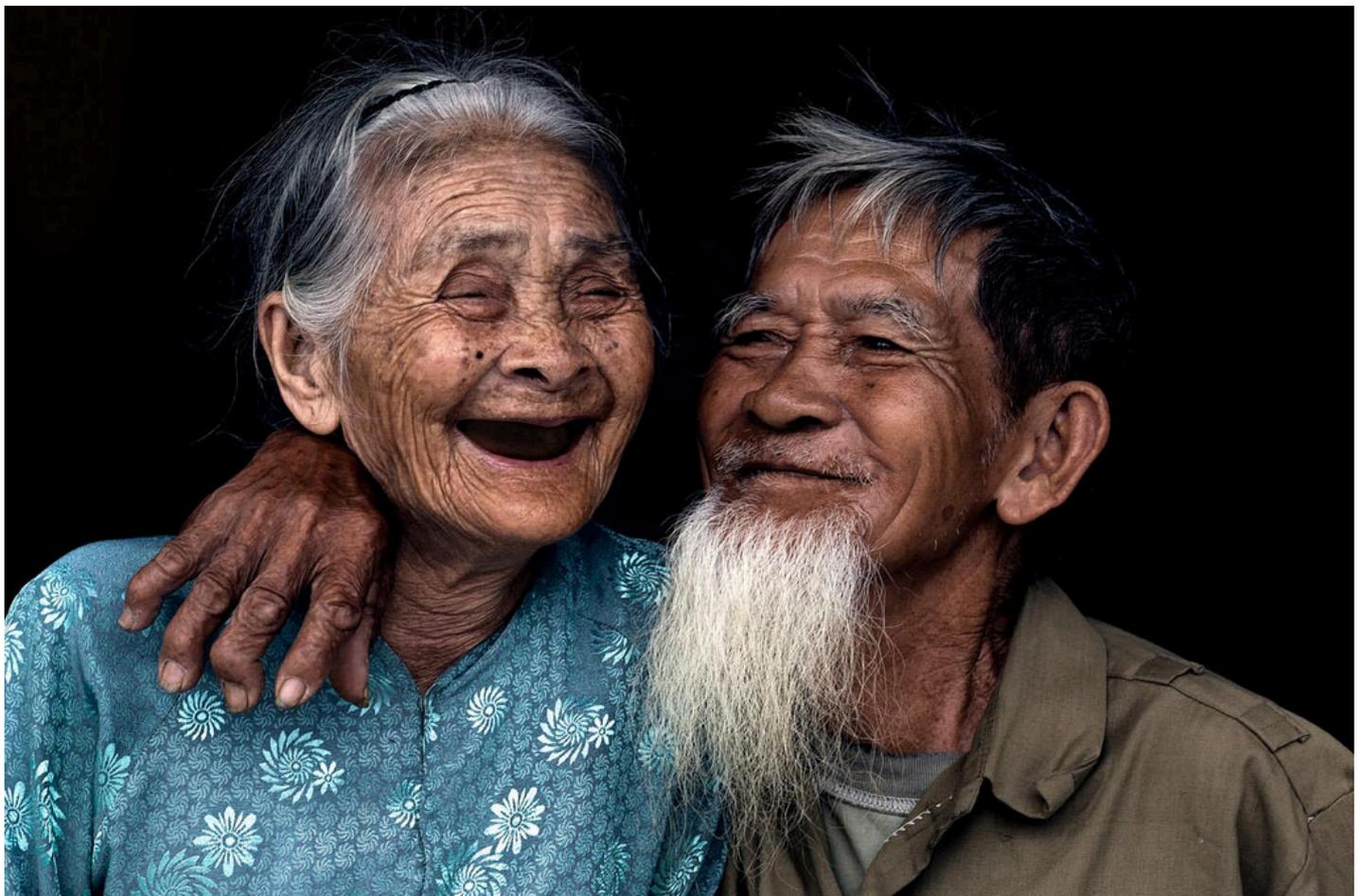




KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 7 October 2018



THIS, AT LAST . . .

in celebration of God's gift of the other person

WORLD COMMUNION DAY

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.

This is a communion service. On the understanding that God desires to nurture people at every stage of their journey, the table at Knox is an open one.

Members of any denomination, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, GOD'S NATURE COMING TO US AS A FELLOW HUMAN BEING;
JESUS, BEING A TRUE PARTNER TO US IN LIFE AND UNDERSTANDING;
JESUS, ENABLING US TO SAY "WE ARE NOT ALONE".**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Abbots Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)





1. God is love, the heavens adoring;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing its praises,
high rejoicing with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation.
is pure love, eternal love.
2. God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

3. God is love, and, though with
blindness
sin affects the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we
fall.
Sin and death and hell shall
never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.



Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Prayer of Approach

God is love,
**SO LOVE FOREVER
O'ER THE UNIVERSE MUST REIGN.**

Bold and beautiful is such a claim:
that we should come from love,
that we should live in love,
that we should fight for love
and journey finally into the fulfilment of love.
**GOD IS LOVE,
THE HEAVEN'S ADORING!**

Also deep and wonderful:
the claim that when human hearts break,
heaven's heart breaks with them.
Profound and unsettling
is the conviction
that our condition is so noted,
held within such deep concern.
**GOD'S ETERNAL LOVING-KINDNESS
HOLDS AND GUIDES US WHEN WE FALL.**

Held and guided then
by the great love
that called us into being,
that abides deeply through our fortune for our wellness,
that longs for our fullness
and holds us close,
WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD.

Silence

In sacred scripture
we read that the Creator provided well.
To the first human being was given beauty,
plenty,
security
and variety.
Yet still there was a loneliness.
So the Creator gave us one another.
THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD.

Yet in that loving and caring
for one another,
something came astray.

**WAR,
GREED,
HATE.**

So we say:

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

Knox Singers: Kyrie, from Missa Brevis in D
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Assurance and Response

. . . In the name of Christ I say to you:
You are forgiven and you are free.
**THANKS BE TO GOD.
AMEN.**

The Notices

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.

Bible Lesson: Genesis 2: 18-25

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

Knox Singers: Benedictus, from Missa Brevis in D
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
Soloists: Janneke Nuysink, Charlotte Berry

Sermon: But he's lonely . . .

*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.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "God, ministering to the loneliness", you are invited to respond "**HEAR OUR PRAYER.**"

. . . **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 Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we have this money to offer,
which we have earned
using the talents that you have given us.
It will further the work of your kingdom.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, 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.

Communion Hymn:

Lucerna Laudoniae

David Evans (1874-1948)



1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
*Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*
2. For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God . . .
3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God . . .
4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled,
Christ our God . . .
5. For each perfect gift divine
to our race so freely given,
joys bestowed by love's design,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God . . .

Follitt Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.

We sit for

The Invitation

The Institution

The Setting Apart of the Elements

The Great Eucharistic Prayer:

May God be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.

Let us give thanks to the world's creator.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

It is right indeed . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

Knox Singers: Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
from Missa Brevis in D
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

The Communion

*For the distribution, please come forward to the table,
receive some bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat.
If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice or gluten free bread
please take communion from the server with the communion tray.*

The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,

we give you thanks and praise

that while we were still far off

you met us in your Son, and brought us home.

MAY WE WHO SHARE HIS BREAD

LIVE HIS RISEN LIFE;

WE WHO DRINK HIS CUP

BRING LIFE TO OTHERS;

WE WHOM THE SPIRIT LIGHTS

GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD,

THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,

AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.

AMEN.

Hymn:

Regent Square

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)



1. Glory to our God, Creator,
glory be to Christ, our Sun,
glory be to God the Spirit,
great Redeemer, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
while eternal ages run.
2. Glory be to One who loved us,
came our loyalties to claim;
glory be to God who won us,
caught our spirits in the flame;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the One whose love remains.
3. Glory be to God in this day,
with our current weal and woe;
glory be to God who calls us,
in whose name we've far to go.
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the God in Christ we know.
4. 'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!
thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
from our hearts our worship springs!

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889),
alt. Matthew Jack*

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude, from Prelude and Fugue on a theme of Vittoria
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 7 October – 13 October 2018
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
7.00pm Knox Café – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 4 October – 20 October 2018
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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.

Pedals and Strums – Sunday 4 November, 2pm at Knox Church. The Risingholme Orchestra with Daniel Cooper, Organ and Matthew Marshall, guitar. Door Sales: Adults \$15, Children \$5. Includes afternoon tea.

Children's Pre-Loved Toy & Book Sale. – Saturday 10th November 12-3pm at St Albans Uniting Church, Nancy Ave. A great opportunity just before Christmas to either sell, or purchase! Free Entry for shoppers. Interested in selling? To book a table, Contact Helen Clayton on 0276510789 or chris.helly@xtra.co.nz. Or Jane Ellis on 02102643043 or janeyellis16@yahoo.com.au

Baking for Christmas

As we did last year we will do baking for Christmas with all proceeds going to the Rebuild. There will be Christmas Cakes small 10cm, medium 15cm, large 22-23cm, Truffles, Afghans and Shortbread made by Doug Shaw.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

All recipes and some ingredients will be given, - can you make Christmas cakes, truffles?

Donation of money to go towards the ingredients, seek and collect orders.

TIMETABLE

- October – order forms to go out.
- October 31st all order forms to be returned.
- November – make Christmas cakes and truffles
- November 24th in the morning pack baking.

If you can help in any way please contact:

Jennifer McKinnon, email: Jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz or 338 0333, Jane in the office, email: office@knoxchurch.co.nz or 379 2456. Extra order forms can be obtained from the Church Office or from the table in the foyer.

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





Bible readings for next week will be:

- Hebrews 4: 12-16
- Mark 10: 17-27

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