

KNONX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 14 October 2018



PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE

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, LOOKING ON US WITH LOVE;

JESUS, PROVIDING FOR THE LIFE OF GOD'S PEOPLE;

JESUS, CHALLENGING US TO LIVE WITH GRACE AND KINDNESS.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.



- Be now my vision, O God of my heart, nothing surpasses the love you impart you my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
- Be now my wisdom, and be my true word; ever within me, my soul is assured; Mother and Father, you are both to me; now and forever your child I will be.
- 3. Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise, you my inheritance, now and always: you and you only are first in my heart, great God, my treasure, may we never part.
- Sovereign of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Irish hymn dating from c. 8th cent Translated: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931) Versified: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), adapt.

Prayer of Approach

The vision is an expression of love, love that provides, love that assures, love that wins a future, FROM GOD, THROUGH CHRIST, TO US.

The vision is of a gift, unimagined, undeserved, unexpected, FROM GOD, THROUGH CHRIST, TO US.

The vision is of a challenge, to open the mind, to open the heart, to open the hands, FROM GOD, THROUGH CHRIST, TO US.

We confess, before this vision, that the mind is closed, the heart is closed, the hands are closed. HOW HARD IT IS TO ENTER HEAVEN!

We confess that we do not provide, do not assure, do not love.

WE GO AWAY,

GRIEVING.

Lord have mercy.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Lord have mercy.

Silence

Assurance and Response

You are forgiven and you are free.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Prayer of Supplication:

Jesus, you look upon us with love and compassion. You see what we need, and what we must do.
GIVE US SENSITIVITY TO HEAR YOUR CALL, VISION TO DISCERN YOUR WILL, AND BOLDNESS TO ATTEMPT THE IMPOSSIBLE.

We pray this in Jesus' name, and use the words he gave 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

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

Hebrews 4: 12-16 The First Lesson:

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

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 10: 17-27

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

Leoni



- 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.
- 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.
- 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 kindliness our law, our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Sermon: Rex, Chris, David and Lazarus

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: Where love and charity abide, there God is found

Lucien Deiss (1921-2007)

Soprano: Elizabeth Christensen

A Video Clip:

Mark Bustos, a hair stylist working in New York https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6pvz8K2gaM

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Janet Wilson



The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

A rich person was challenged to sell it all, and give it away. **HE TURNED AWAY, GRIEVING.**

A camel tries to squeeze through the eye of a needle – **HOW HARD IT IS!**

Yet here, we make a gesture with an offering.

WE ASK FOR GOD TO INCREASE OUR GENEROSITY

AND TO MAKE US MORE LIKE CHRIST.

Bless what we offer here, FOR YOUR MERCY'S SAKE, AMEN.

Notices



- From all who dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise; Hallelujah!
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land, by every tongue. Hallelujah!
- Eternal are your mercies, God, eternal truth attends your word: Hallelujah! Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more. Hallelujah!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude on 'Gelobet sei Gott"

Healey Willan (1889-1968)

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

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This Week: 14 October – 20 October 2018

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship and AGM

1.30pm Knox Church Open Day – see below

Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 21 October – 27 October 2018

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

5.00pm Film Group – see below

Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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.

Knox Open Day – As part of BECA Heritage week. 1.30 - 4pm, Knox Church. Knox Singers perform 2 - 3.30pm. Refreshments served. We still need a few helpers to meet, greet and guide visitors. Please write your name on the list by your preferred time slot, or see Bronwyn.

Stravinsky – "A Soldiers Tale" – Daniel directs a performance of the revered Soldiers Tale by Igor Stravinsky. Monday 15th October, 7pm, UC City Campus Recital Room, 3 Hereford St.

Concert: NZ Barok with James Bush solo cello. At: The Piano, Tuesday 16th October 7.30pm. 'The Splendour of Venice', Vivaldi, Caldara, Platti. Door Sales: \$45 (students \$15) cash/Eftpos On Line: www.eventfinda.co.nz

Daniel's Editorial Research Seminar – Thomas Vernon Griffiths (1984-1985). Fantasia on Three Hymn Tunes – a scholarly critical edition. Wednesday 17th October 9am at UC Fine Arts Building (Block 2).

Knox Film Group – The classic Australian film – The Castle. 5pm in the lounge, Sunday 21 October. . All welcome.

Laidlaw College Open Day – Thursday 25th October any time between 4 -8pm. If you are interested in studying the Bible, theology, Christian leadership, counseling or teaching – come and have a chat. If you are interested and unable to make it. Please call 03 351 4270.

Pedals and Strums – Sunday 4 November, 2pm at Knox Church. Daniel performs Alexandre Guilmant's Symphony for Organ and Orchestra in D minor, in collaboration with the Risingholme Orchestra. Door Sales: Adults \$15, children \$5.

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 fover.

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





The Bible readings for next week will be:

Hebrews 5: 1-10Mark 10: 35-45

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Keeping in Touch

Please help us get acquainted with you by filling in this form and putting it in the offering bag.

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Contact details