



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 24 February 2019

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## RECONCILED

PEACE WITH OURSELVES AND OUR CLOSE ONES,  
WITH OUR LOSS AND WITH OUR CALLING

## 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 flowers in the Church this morning are in remembrance of Ian Rusher,  
brother of Jan Harland

### The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, CALM IN HIS IDENTITY AS A CHILD OF GOD;**

**JESUS, BEFRIENDING AND BLESSING PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY;**

**JESUS, RECONCILER OF ALL THAT IS.**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Woodlands

Walter Greatedorex (1877-1949)



1. O threefold God of tender unity,  
life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:  
felt in our loving, greater than our thought,  
you are the mystery found, the mystery sought.
2. O blaze of radiance, source of light that blinds,  
fierce burning fire in clear prophetic minds,  
you live in mystery, yet in us dwell;  
life springs from you as from a living well.
3. In every making, each creative dream,  
and in the flowing of life's healing stream,  
when love is born or people reconciled,  
we share your life, O Parent, Spirit, Child.

*Bill Wallace (b. 1933)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

In every making, each creative dream,  
**IN THE FLOWING OF LIFE'S HEALING STREAM,**  
when love is born or people reconciled,  
**WE SHARE YOUR LIFE, O PARENT, SPIRIT, CHILD.**

Along the journey,  
we learn things about ourselves,  
**AND ON OUR LEARNING,**  
**A KINDLY LIGHT IS CAST.**

Along the way,  
we find our brothers and sisters.  
**AND TO OUR SHARING OF THE WAY**  
**A GRACE IS GIVEN.**

Somehow, in the coming and going,  
**IN THE LOVING AND LOSING,**  
in the finding and letting go,  
**FAITH IS FORGED,**  
**HOPE IS SEEDED,**  
**LOVE FINDS A HOME.**

In the turning of the pages,  
**THE HEART IS MADE.**

The hands of the potter are working,  
**AND WE ARE FORMED.**

Peace with who we are.

**PEACE WITH FROM WHERE WE'VE COME.**

Peace with what we've lost.

**PEACE WITH WHOM WE'RE CALLED TO BE.**

*Silence*

O threefold God of tender unity, for our world, we make confession.

For loneliness,

**FOR LOSS,**

for anger,

**FOR VIOLENCE,**

for de-friending,

**FOR BLOCKING,**

for factions,

**FOR ARGUMENT,**

we express our sorrow.

**WE EXPRESS OUR SORROW.**

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, source of all friendship and love,

**YOU CALL US TO CARE.**

You dare us to enter a sharing of life,

**AND A RISKING OF HEART.**

You show us Christ making peace,

**AND YOU BID US TO JOIN HIM.**

Enable us, O God

to love and to lose,

**TO BLESS AND TO RELEASE,**

in keeping with the way of Jesus,  
in whose name we pray, 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 People's Blessing:**

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.  
**TAKE OUR FAITH AND HOPE;  
MAKE NEW THINGS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.  
MAY GOD BLESS AND GROW YOU.  
AMEN.**

*Young ones are welcome to move through to the Sala del Sol (upstairs in the Knox Centre) for well supervised, faith-based youth activities.*

**The First Lesson:** Deuteronomy 34: 1-8

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

**Sung Meditation:** Let me sing of your law  
Lucien Deiss (1921-2007), Graeme Downie

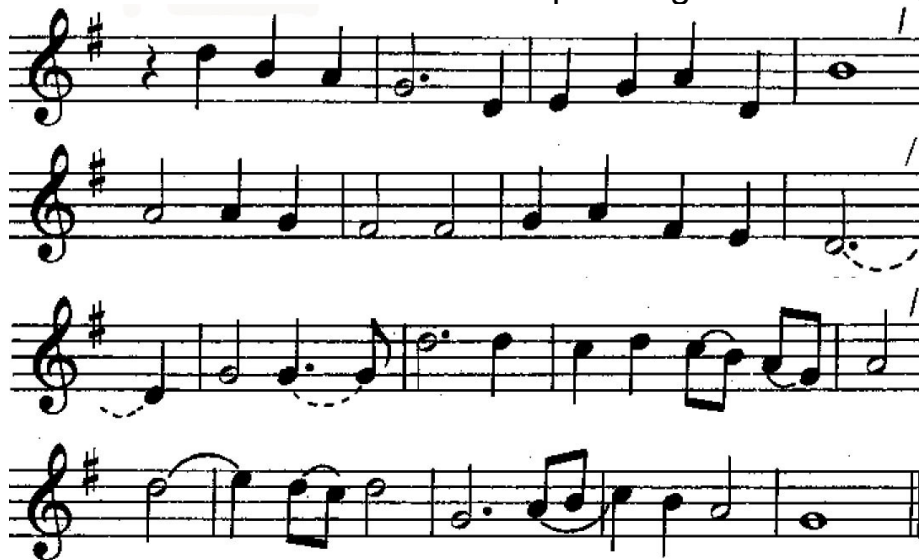
**The Second Lesson:** Romans 12: 9-21

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

**Hymn:**

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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| 1. Give thanks for life,<br>the measure of our days,<br>mortal, we pass through<br>beauty that decays,<br>yet sing to God our hope,<br>our love, our praise,<br>Alleluia! | 2. Give thanks for those<br>who made their life a light<br>caught from the Christ-flame,<br>bursting through the night,<br>who touched the truth, who<br>burned for what is right,<br>Alleluia! |
| 3. And for our own, our living<br>and our dead,<br>thanks for the love by<br>which our life is fed,<br>a love not changed by time<br>or death or dread,<br>Alleluia!      | 4. Give thanks for hope,<br>that like the wheat, the grain<br>lying in darkness<br>does its life retain,<br>in resurrection<br>to grow green again.<br>Alleluia!                                |

*Shirley Murray (b. 1931)*

**Sermon:** I'll often stop and think about them

*Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>  
Hard copies are available – ask the person at the door.*

**Music for Reflection:** Improvisation on “In my life”  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

**Hymn:**

Dominus Regit Me

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Such perfect love my Shepherd shows,  
whose goodness fails me never,  
whose hand all things I need bestows  
and watches me forever.
2. When vain and foolish oft I strayed,  
you, faithful Shepherd, sought me,  
and on your shoulder gently laid,  
then home rejoicing brought me.
3. 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.
4. 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*

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Len Pierce*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Bringing what have retained,  
**SURRENDERING WHAT WE HAVE LOST,**

giving thanks for what we have,  
**WE MAKE THIS OFFERING.**

We have received many good things.

**WE PRAY WE MAY GIVE GOOD THINGS TO OTHERS,**  
In the name of Jesus,  
**AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams (1717-1791)*

*Tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796) and William Williams*



## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Prelude in D Minor  
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Tea and coffee are served in the church following the service

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## **Notice of Lenten Spiritual Growth Programme**

**Len Pierce**

The season of Lent begins on 6<sup>th</sup> March, Ash Wednesday.

The meaning of Lent has been lost in trivial, almost comic ideas of “giving up chocolate and any other thing that is pleasurable. I would like to invite any who are seeking a deeper relationship with God to join me on four Sunday evenings in March for a free ranging exploration of ways to rediscover the real purpose of Lent: to break into our lives of routine and dull repetition, to rediscover the life, energy and freedom God’s grace means for all.

The dates are as follows:

10<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm - 7pm

17<sup>th</sup> March, **7pm - 9pm (note later time)**

24<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm - 7pm

31<sup>st</sup> March, 5pm - 7pm

Some of the topics we will open are: Prayer (who still does it, and what is it anyway? Meditation (is it Christian or Eastern?) New enquiry into the effectiveness of prayer in healing. New science of the mind that suggests that prayer is a basic human instinct. Why fast? What benefit? What is spiritual growth? Aids like journaling, spiritual friendship. Praying for peace - does it do any good?

If you are coming, we would like you to commit to the four sessions. We understand circumstances can prevent this - come when you can. Please ring the Church Office to let us know - 379 2456.



## NOTICES

**This Week: 24 February – 2 March 2019**

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship  
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study

**Next Week: 3 March– 9 March 2019**

Sunday 10.00am Morning worship  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Acting Council Clerk**

From 14 February Jean Brouwer will be acting as Church Council Clerk for about 10 days. Jean's phone No. is 355 6534.

**Knox Life** - The new issue of Knox Life will be published in March. We would love to receive your contributions for it. Please email any items to the Knox office before the end of February.

**Flowers on Sundays** - For several years some Knox members have quietly provided a flower arrangement to brighten a Sunday service at Knox, in a private commemoration of a personally significant date. This is a lovely tradition which we would like to encourage other Knox members to consider adopting. For the next few weeks a calendar will be in the new foyer each Sunday. If you would like to make a gift of flowers on a particular Sunday during the year please put your name on that date - or you may prefer to email/phone the Knox office to reserve the date you wish to commemorate. A reminder will come from the office as your particular date draws near. Please contact the office if you would like the Order of Service to note that the flowers are in memory of a particular person or event - this is entirely your choice and anonymity is fine. Knox has an assortment of vases in which you may place your gift of flowers and bringing a bunch or bouquet on Sunday morning before 9.30 am is fine, too. Contact Janet Wilson (338 7203). or Liz Baxendine (355 5137).

**Bus trip to Rangiora on Saturday 9 March** - We're planning to go to Rangiora for coffee or lunch on Saturday 9 March and invite you to join us. As we're taking the regular Blue Line bus which passes right by Knox (- a small gesture towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions) - you can gather at Knox or catch the bus elsewhere along its route. We aim to be at the bus stop opposite Knox in Victoria Street by 10.25am at the latest, in order to board the bus which leaves the Central Bus Exchange at 10.22 and should come along Victoria Street about 10.30. If you miss that service - or we overflow the bus - the next bus for Rangiora will pass by at 11am. The trip takes an hour.

Gold card holders travel free. Metro card fare is \$3.85 and cash fare is \$5.50. Those fares include a free transfer within 2 hours so the return trip could be free if you wish. Buses return from Rangiora at 20 to and 10 past each hour during the afternoon. See [metroinfo.co.nz](http://metroinfo.co.nz) for further information or pick up a timetable from the table in the new foyer. Janneke and Lacey can also answer any queries.

**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)**

## **Peace theme review and first choices**

During February, in keeping with our recently adopted mission plan, we have been exploring the theme of peace. At 11:30am on Sunday 3 March, we will gather around the children's area (where we met for our discernment sessions) to review the February peace themes and to take a fresh look (in light of those themes) at the peace projects we identified as options for first adoption. This session is a thought-starter, so should close by 12:20pm. We need to pick two projects in time to announce and launch them by the first Sunday in May.





## The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Psalm 122

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