



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 11 August 2019

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# WAR HORSES AND STARS

## 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.

Please don't leave any items unattended around the church;  
they may cause alarm.

### The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world:  
**JESUS, CALLING US TO DISMOUNT OUR WAR HORSES;**  
**JESUS, DARING US TO LOOK TO GOD;**  
**JESUS, OPENING TO US A GOOD AND LIVING WAY.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.  
**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Highwood

Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)





1. O God of every shining constellation  
that wheels in splendour through the midnight sky:  
grant us your Spirit's true illumination  
to read the secrets of your work on high.
2. You, God, have made the atom's hidden forces;  
your laws its mighty energies fulfil:  
teach us, to whom you give such rich resources,  
in all we use, to serve your holy will.
3. O Life, awaking life in cell and tissue;  
from flower to bird, from beast to humankind:  
help us to trace, from birth to final issue,  
the sure unfolding purpose of your mind.
4. You, God, have stamped your image on your creatures  
and, though they mar that image, love them still:  
lift up our eyes to Christ, that in his features  
we may discern the beauty of your will.
5. Great God of nature, shaping and renewing,  
you made us more than nature's child to be;  
you help us tread, with grace our souls enduing,  
the road to life and immortality.

*Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Did you smile, great God,  
when you made your first ever star?  
Bright and beautiful,  
clear and shining,  
was it one of your favourite things?  
**DID YOU SMILE, GREAT GOD?**

When planets began to spin around it,  
and some were cold and dark,  
and others became full of life,  
was this to you a joy?  
**WAS THIS TO YOU A JOY?**

When the people of the world,  
the children of your hand,  
looked up into the skies,  
and wondered about you,  
and what the universe was for,  
and how they should live,  
did you love them?

**DID YOU LOVE THEM?**

You loved them, dear God;  
**YOU LOVED THEM.**

*Silence*

It is said that you look down on us from above.  
**IT IS SAID THAT YOU MADE A HOME BELOW.**

We work hard to describe who you are,  
**AND SOMETIMES WE GET IT WRONG.**

We mount our war horses,  
**WE TAKE TO THE BATTLE.**

We let the stars tell us that we are nothing.  
**WE LIVE AS IF IT'S A FIGHT.**

In Spirit, take us by the hand;  
**SHOW US,  
IN CHRIST,  
WHAT WE NEED TO SEE.**

Help us form a good confession,  
as 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:**

You look over a world  
where your creatures want to ride war horses.  
You want to show us the stars.

**DEAL AS PATIENTLY OR DIRECTLY WITH US,  
O GOD, AS IS WISE,  
THAT WE MAY BECOME PEACEMAKERS,  
AND GENUINE LOVERS OF LIFE IN CHRIST.**

We pray this in his name,  
daring to say:

**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:** Genesis 15: 1-6

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

**The Second Lesson:** Psalm 33: 12-22

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

**Hymn:**

St Leonard's

Arthur Cyril Barham Gould (1891-1953)



1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power redeeming  
all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour  
so that all may see I triumph,  
by his love empowered.
3. May the peace of God, Creator,  
guide my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self denying,  
this is victory.

5. May I run the race before me  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

*Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928), alt.*

**Sermon:**

Looking down and looking up

*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.*



*“The police presence at Ihumātao increased on Monday night”*

*quoted from from the Stuff website:*

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/114775353/ihumtao-ardern-says-still-no-plans-to-visit-site>

**Music for Reflection:** Improvisation  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

**Hymn:**

**Concord**

Robert James Berkeley Fleming (1921-1976)



1. Let there be light,  
Let there be understanding,  
Let all the nations gather,  
Let them be face to face.
2. Open our lips,  
Open our minds to ponder,  
Open the door to concord  
Opening into grace.
3. Perish the sword,  
Perish the angry judgment,  
Perish the bombs and hunger,  
Perish the fight for gain.
4. Hallow our love,  
Hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
Hallow their holy freedom,  
Hallowed be your name.
5. Let there be light,  
Open our hearts to wonder,  
Perish the way of terror,  
Hallow the world God made.

*Frances Wheeler Davis (b.1936)*

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Graeme Downie*



*Umbrellas in Hong Kong - 2015*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

In hope that the hungry might receive food,  
**WE OFFER THESE GROCERIES.**

In hope that God's work might be done,  
**WE OFFER THIS MONEY.**

In the hope that horses may find peace in pasture,  
and wars no longer be waged,  
**WE OFFER OURSELVES,  
OUR HOPE AND IMAGINATION,  
OUR DESIRE TO BE MAKERS OF PEACE.**

May God bless all that is offered,  
**IN THE NAME AND SPIRIT OF JESUS,  
AMEN.**

## Notices



*Umbrellas in Hong Kong - 2019*

**Hymn:**

Fulda

William Gardiner (1770-1853)



1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed  
we catch the vision of your tears.
3. From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress  
your heart has never known recoil.
4. O Master, from the mountain side  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide,  
and tread the city's streets again:
5. till all the world shall learn your love  
and follow where your feet have trod,  
till glorious from your heaven above  
shall come the city of our God.

*Franks Mason North (1850-1935) alt.*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Improvisation  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the church

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## NOTICES

### **This Week: 11 August – 17 August 2019**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	4.00pm	Knox Film Group – <i>see below</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

### **Next Week: 18 August – 24 August 2019**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm	Knox Fireside Group – <i>See below</i>
Wednesday	4.00pm	Bible Study

**Knox Film Group** – Sunday 11 August at 4pm in the Lounge. The film this week is the *The Dish* which is about how the films of the first moon walk were received and transmitted from a huge satellite dish in the Australian outback. Starring Sam Neill.

**Public Lecture** – you are warmly invited to a public lecture by Dr Lynne Taylor. Her PhD explored how and why previously unchurched Australians became Christians today and resulted in a new model and theory of conversion to Christianity. In this evening lecture Lynne introduces the model and explores some of the implications of her research finding for the church. Monday 12 August, 7.30-9pm at Laidlaw College, 70 Condell Ave, Papanui. Cost: Free (light supper provided). Please RSVP by Wed 7 August via link [www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/dr-lynn-taylor-public-lecture-2019](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/dr-lynn-taylor-public-lecture-2019)

**Community Day** –The Christchurch Meditation Community invites you to a Day of Reflection on Mid-life Spirituality and Silence, 17 August, 10:00 am to 3:00pm, at the Chapel Street Centre, cnr Chapel St and Harewood Rd with Dr Anne Shave. Tea and Coffee will be provided, but you are asked to bring your own lunch. Soup will be available to purchase. A donation of \$10 would be appreciated to help with costs. Contact Chris Wilson 029 357 8433 for any queries.

**Sunday Lunch** - Join us for a casual lunch at the Ris'tretto Café on August the 18th. Meet at around 12pm at the Ris'tretto Café, 670 Barbadoes St, situated just before the shops on the corner of Barbadoes and Warrington Sts. There is nice cabinet food as well as a small menu. Interested? Then please add your name to the list, placed at the church entrance. You can also email [jannekenyuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenyuysink@gmail.com) but note that names are required by Monday the 12th so we can confirm the booking.

**International Celebrity Organ Concert** - on the iconic Rieger pipe organ in the Town Hall will be held from 3pm - 4:30pm on Sunday 18 August 2019. Presented by Benjamin Sheen, one of Great Britain's leading young organists, and currently Associate Organist at Saint Thomas Church in New York City. His programme features English music by Sir William Walton, Henry Smart and Percy Whitlock, a Concert Fantasy on themes by Gershwin, the exuberant Toccata alla Rumba by Peter Planyavsky, as well as music by Mozart and Bossi. Admission prices are \$30 (adults), Friends of the Town Hall Organ \$25 and students with ID \$15. For more information and ticketing please visit the following link: <https://organconcert18august.eventbrite.co.nz>

**Knox Fireside Group** - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday August 19 at 7 30pm in the Knox lounge . The topic for the evening will be " Rack our brains " . All welcome

**Knox Book Group** – Sunday 25 August at 11.15am in the Committee Room. Two books with a similar concept. "One Hundred Names" by Cecilia Ahern and "The Five People you Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom.

**Knox Film Group** – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 4pm, lounge. Ladies in Lavender.

**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**

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"Go back where you came from"

Donald Trump, referring to four Democrat women elected to the House of Representatives

14 July 2019



## **The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem**

The Order of St Lazarus was named after a character in one of Jesus' parables - Lazarus, the poor man with leprosy, who beat the rich and powerful Dives into heaven. He was chosen (in medieval times) as the figure head for the order, since it had a special concern to care for people with leprosy. These days, members of the order sponsor all manner of charitable causes, but still have a focussed concern for people with skin conditions and diseases. The local branch of the order appreciate the opportunity to visit congregations of diverse denominations around the region and gently spread the word about its work. Knox Council has agreed to welcome local branch to the service on 18 August. Knox church values the support of all



“Look towards heaven, and count the stars - if you are able to count them”  
A new way of life?

## **Election of new people to the Knox Church Council**

Within the Presbyterian form of government, congregations elect to leadership people they believe have appropriate gifts and wisdom for the times and place.

Having assessed the times into which Knox has come, the mission challenges associated with these times, and the committed ethos of our church, the Council of Knox Church has identified four people it believes can serve us well in leadership:

- Helen Cannan - Elder
- Rochelle Howley - Elder
- Janneke Nuysink - Elder
- Naomi Suresh - Council member

With warmth, gratitude and encouragement, Council commends Helen, Rochelle, Janneke and Naomi to the congregation for appointment to the Council. Each has indicated a willingness to serve and indicated the capacity in which they feel called to serve. Should any Knox person have any objection to any of these nominations, please lodge them with the minister prior to the **congregational election meeting which will be held after morning worship on 25 August 2019.**

Brief biographies of the nominees are provided below:

### **Helen Cannan**

My name is Helen Cannan. I am married to Jim and we have a daughter Annabelle and a son James. Annabelle works at a hospital in Australia and James works in Christchurch. I have been attending Knox for about 14 years but getting more involved in the last few years. I attended St Davids in Leeston as a child then after I married we went to the Anglican Church St Bartholomews in Kaiapoi then St Aidans Christchurch. I work at a day service for adults with a disability and help out at Knox as a Liaison Person sometimes too.

### **Rochelle Howley**

Rochelle Howley, 35, passionate pastry chef, photographer, I was a youth worker at St Margaret's Presbyterian church for 5 years assisting with their Flame programme for intermediate aged young people. 7 years as a volunteer camp parent and crew for southern Easter camp. 10 years as a Sunday school teacher at Christchurch North Presbyterian church, where I was a member for 28 years and have been worshipping at Knox for the past 7 years.

### **Janneke Nuysink**

I emigrated from The Netherlands to NZ in November 1986, settling with my family in Christchurch. Coming from a Dutch Reformed background, I initially joined the NZ Reformed Church. After several years of feeling slightly out of my comfort zone in the NZRC, I made the move to Knox Presbyterian Church, where I felt much more at home: I loved the inclusiveness of Knox. For family as well as employment reasons, Lacey and I moved in 2004 to Auckland. At Geoff King's recommendation, while we were living in Auckland, we attended St Luke's Presbyterian church in Remuera; like Knox, an inclusive and diverse parish. Not looking forward to spending our retirement years in Auckland, and to be closer to my daughter and her family who live in Rolleston, I persuaded Lacey to move back to Christchurch early in 2016. I spent my working life in NZ in the meat industry and retired from my Quality Assurance role at Tegel in 2017, feeling blessed that we were able to come back to Christchurch, and to Knox.

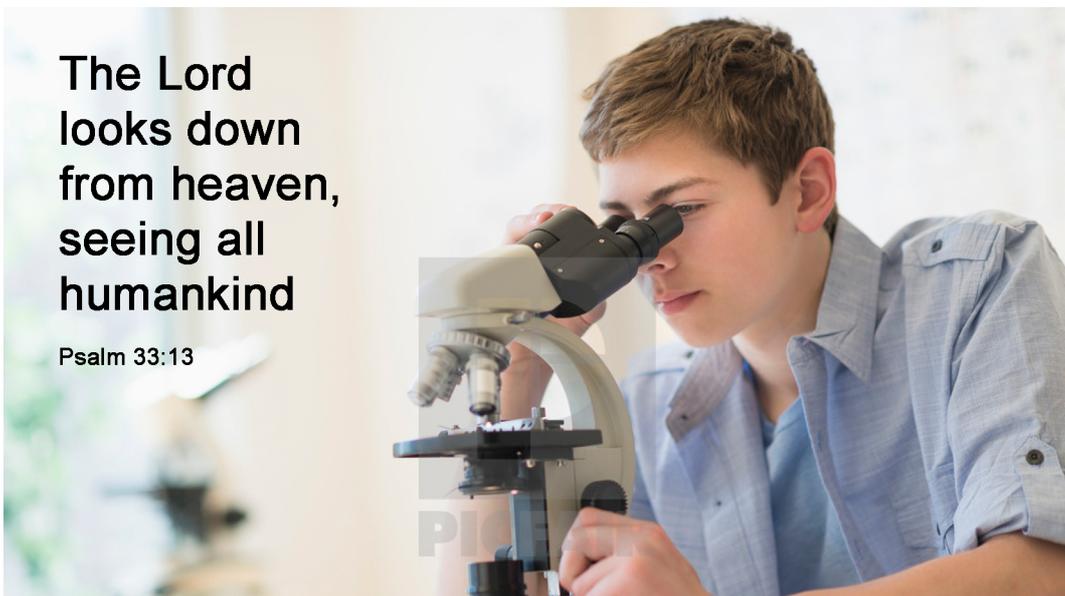
### **Naomi Suresh**

I, Naomi Suresh and my husband John Suresh chose NZ as our preferred destination to migrate, from Sri Lanka, in 2010. We felt our Lord's Leading, in every step of the way in this journey. I completed my Post Graduate Diploma in Business Enterprise (NZ), in 2012 and have since worked in the Education, Local Government and Construction Industry. I also have industry experience in the Banking and Finance Field, and am an Associate, of the Trinity College of Music (London). I will endeavor to use my skills and knowledge to the best of my ability to serve my God, through the Knox Church Community; so help me God.

Janet Wilson,  
Knox Church Council Clerk

**The Lord  
looks down  
from heaven,  
seeing all  
humankind**

Psalm 33:13





### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
- Luke 16: 19-31

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