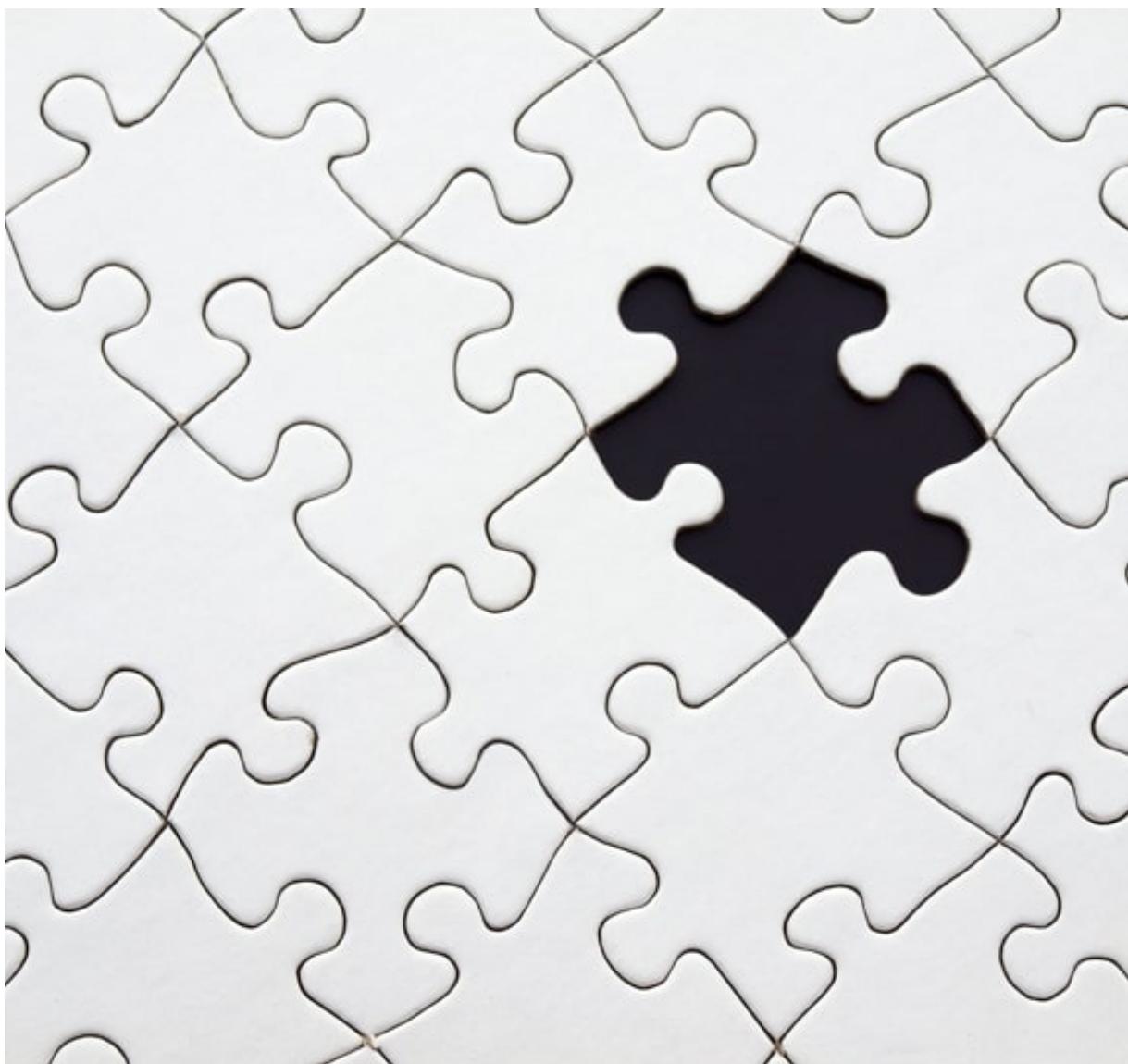




KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 15 September 2019



A MISSING PIECE

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.

This morning we welcome Barry Brinson to the organ bench. Barry is filling in for Daniel, who is away this weekend on musical business.

We take care to use inclusive language in our services. References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender-specific. As we pray and sing together, you're invited to adapt the words we've chosen. When we pray the "Lord's prayer", feel free to pray in your first language.

In today's service, we ordain Helen Cannan and Rochelle Howley into the eldership of the P.C.A.N.Z, and induct them, with Janneke Nuysink and Naomi Suresh into membership of the Knox Church Council. This is an important and happy day for us all at Knox.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.
JESUS, SPEAKING OF ABSENT SHEEP AND LOST COINS;
JESUS, OPENING OUR EYES TO THE MISSING AMONG US;
JESUS, BEING FOR ALL PEOPLE, THE WELCOME OF GOD.

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

Hymn:
Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest,
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast,”
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Prayer of Approach

The voice of the good shepherd goes out.
Calling the lost one to come home,
it is heard on the hills,
in the places of the wolf,
on the plains of loss.

WE HAVE HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS.

It is heard in the dark corners of the house,
in the crack of the sofa,
and in the dust of the upper shelf.

WE HAVE HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS.

It calls for us to let ourselves be found,
to be retrieved
and restored.

WE HAVE HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS.

He tells us that we are loved.
He tells us that when we are gone,
there is a sadness in the heart of God.

WE HAVE HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS.

This voice mends and welcomes us.
Yet we have not loved and welcomed one another.
We have not cared about absences in our midst.
We have not been a people of the shepherd.
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:

Your Jesus told us stories, O God,
of lost sheep and missing coins.

He assured us that you are unceasing in your finding people and calling them home.

**MAY WE BE TRUE PEOPLE OF THE SHEPHERD
AND OF THE FINDER OF COINS.**

**MAY WE LOVE, SERVE AND WELCOME
OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN JESUS' NAME.**

For we pray it as he taught us to, 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: Luke 15: 1-7

The Second Lesson: Luke 15: 8-10

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Music for Reflection: Andante in F

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Sermon: “Everyday New Zealanders” and missing people

Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>

Hard copies are available before and after the service at the door.

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. Where streams of living water flow,
my loving Shepherd leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food from heaven feeds me.
3. When vain and foolish oft I strayed,
you, faithful Shepherd, sought me,
and on your shoulder gently laid,
then home rejoicing brought 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

We sit for
The Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Philippa Ranby

Litany of Ordination and Induction:

There are many gifts,
BUT IT IS THE SAME SPIRIT WHO GIVES THEM.

There are different ways of serving God,
BUT IT IS THE SAME LORD WHO IS SERVED.

God works through different people in different ways,
BUT IT IS THE SAME GOD
WHOSE PURPOSES ARE ACHIEVED THROUGH THEM ALL.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
TO USE FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

Narrative

The Ordination Prologue

In the name of the risen and ascended Lord, who gives gifts for building up the body of Christ and sharing in God's mission, we are gathered to ordain Helen and Rochelle as elders.

Helen and Rochelle come forward.

In this act, the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand . . .

Affirmation

Helen and Rochelle; in view of this declaration, you are now required to answer these questions: Do you undertake, with God's help, the office and ministry of elder, encouraging people in the Faith, exercising spiritual oversight, leadership and discernment, and remaining diligent in prayer and service.

I do.

Helen and Rochelle; do you believe the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith contained in the standards of this Church; do you promise to seek the unity and peace of this Church, to uphold the doctrine, worship, government, and discipline thereof, and to take your due part in the administration of its affairs?

I do.

The Lord bless you, and enable you to keep your promises.

Signing the Formula

The Council Clerk reads the formula. Helen and Rochelle sign it.

Janneke and Naomi are invited to come forward.

Janneke and Naomi, you also are called to exercise leadership in this community. Will you both, with the help of God, seek to give good leadership at Knox? Will you seek to discern the mind of Christ here, and work for peace and unity in this place?

I will.

Current elders are invited to gather for

The Prayer

Declaration and Welcome

As a sign of welcome the elders extend the “right hand of fellowship” to the new leaders. As hand-shaking finishes, all elders and councillors return to their pews.

Renewal of Commitment:

Christ calls us all to share in his ministry. Let us, then, dedicate ourselves anew to his service. Please stand.

To all: Members and elders of this congregation: putting your trust in Jesus Christ, do you commit yourselves to love and serve his Church and world?

WE DO.

To the congregation: As members of this congregation, will you encourage and support your elders and council members, and remember them in your prayers?

WE WILL.

To the elders and councillors: In your ministry of service and leadership, will you seek the mind of Christ, serve the peace and unity of the Church, and do all things in the love of God, God being your helper?

WE WILL.

Prayer:

**GOD OF GRACE,
YOU HAVE CALLED US TO BE SERVANTS OF JESUS,
AND TO SHARE IN HIS MINISTRY OF LOVE AND RECONCILIATION.
RENEW OUR ENTHUSIASM;
GIVE US JOY IN YOUR SERVICE,**

**THAT WE MAY DECLARE YOUR WONDERFUL DEEDS
AND SHOW YOUR LOVE TO THE WORLD;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,
AMEN.**

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Our eyes were closed
UNTIL GOD OPENED THEM.

Our hearts were dead
UNTIL GOD MOVED THEM.

Our hands were empty
UNTIL GOD FILLED THEM.

May God now bless the offering we make,
IN JESUS' NAME,
AMEN.

Notices



Farid Ahmed
an “everyday New Zealander”?

Hymn:
Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



1. I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ whose love for me
has restored what once was broken,
gave me true community.
*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ whose light shone free,
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*
2. I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the blessed way.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story . . .
3. He will keep me till the shining
of the light within my heart
is transfigured by his guiding,
giving life to life's each part.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story . . .

Francis Harold Rowley (1854-1952), alt MJ, 2017.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: “Spring”, from the Four Seasons
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

A fancy morning tea is served in the church following the service

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NOTICES

This Week: **15 September – 21 September 2019**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm	Knox Fireside Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: **22 September – 28 September 2019**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Morning Tea - Sunday 15 September. At the conclusion of the Service Inducting 3 new Elders and a Council member to Knox Council a “fancy” morning tea will be held in the Church.

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside group will be on Monday September 16 at 7.30 pm in the Knox Lounge. The Speaker will be Karin Bathgate and her topic is “Above and beyond the Arctic Circle”. All welcome.

Daniel Cooper – A Masters Degree Conducting Recital. Saturday 28 September 8.30pm at The Piano, 156 Armagh Street. Mozart “Exsultate, Jubilate” K.165. Baird “Concertino for Basson and Orchestra”. Schubert, “Symphony no.5 in B-flat major D.485”.

Knox Book Group – Sunday 29 September at 11.15am in the Committee Room. “The Lady in the Van” by Alan Bennett. The eccentric, stubborn and homeless Miss Shepherd moves her broken down van into Alan Bennett’s garden. She is not an easy tenant and Alan a reluctant landlord.

Working Bee - Date for diaries. A tidy up in the Knox Centre. The stair well at the east end needs a good scrub as well as the light shades in the foyer needing to be emptied of dust. Some of the committee room chairs are also in need of a clean. Saturday October 5 at 9:30.

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:

- Amos 8: 4-7
- Luke 16: 1-13

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