



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 29 September 2019



HANDS, WORDS, AGE AND YOUTH

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.

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.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.
**JESUS, COMING INTO THE WORLD WITH EMPTY HANDS;
JESUS, BURIED IN A BORROWED TOMB;
JESUS, POSSESSING LIFE IN ABUNDANCE, AND SHARING IT.**

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

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

Prayer of Approach

It *is* a journey, generous God,
that stretch from arriving with empty hands,
to leaving with empty hands.

IT IS A JOURNEY.

Along the way there are crystal fountains,
fiery pillars,
and living waters -

THE NOURISHING OF LIFE.

There's the teaching of the youth,
the caring for the aged;

**THERE ARE CONVERSATIONS,
WONDERS AND GIFTS.**

There are our journey-partners,
who speak and listen,
WHO MENTOR AND CARE,
who are good companions,
AND ARE SPRING-TIME TO OUR SOULS.

And then there is you -
**THE GREAT GENEROSITY OF LIFE,
SOURCE OF ALL THAT IS GOOD.**

Praise to you,
**THROUGH JESUS, THE LIGHT AND LIFE.
AMEN.**

Silence

But, there are darker valleys,
and challenges to the spirit;
THERE ARE MISTAKES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS.

There is dis-engagement from the other,
DERISION ACROSS THE GENERATIONS.

There is cynicism and hatred;
THERE IS A CRUELTY OF SPEAKING.

On the journey
WE ARE NOT GOOD TO ONE ANOTHER.

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 of life that really is life,
God, whose desire for the people
is contentment and goodness,
**BLESS YOUR PEOPLE
TO TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE YOU OFFER.**

Make us nurturers of the good,
FIGHTERS OF THE GOOD FIGHT,

champions of grace,
AND CARERS FOR HOPE.

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
praying as he taught 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

Although there is no Sunday School during the holidays, young ones are welcome to enjoy the books, toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.

The First Lesson: 1 Timothy 1: 1-7, 18-20

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

Knox Singers: Flocks in pastures green abiding
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Gospel Lesson: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19
In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Hymn:
Miniver

Cyril Taylor (1907-1992)



1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') (1901-1953)

Sermon:

Empty hands and eternal life

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.



Greta, 16, addresses the United Nations



Harry and Meghan talk with Desmond Tutu, 87

Hymn:

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

All that we now offer,
FIRST WE HAVE RECEIVED.

God is gracious,
GOD IS KIND.

Fighting the good fight,
TAKING HOLD OF THE GOODNESS OF LIFE,

may we be people of the Generosity,
**THROUGH JESUS, THE GIVER,
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Richmond

later form of melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)



1. Fill thou my life, O gracious God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.
2. Not for the lip of praise alone
nor ev'n the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:
3. Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.
4. Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O God,
poor though I be and weak.
5. So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me
the praise and glory due;

and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.

6. So shall no part of day or night
unblessed or common be,
but all my life, in every step
be fellowship with thee.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Pier Gynt - Morning Mood
Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

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

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NOTICES

This Week:	29 September – 5 October 2019
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship 11.15am Knox Book Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study
Next Week:	6 October - 12 October 2019
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship 5.00pm Knox Film Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Please note:

Knox AGM - Sunday 13 October,
immediately after the morning service.

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 Film Group – Sunday 6 October, 5pm in the Lounge. Film: “The Lady in the Van” adapted from the book 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. All welcome.

BECA CHRISTCHURCH HERITAGE FESTIVAL Sunday 13 October - Open Day at Knox



We will be asking for volunteers to help, 1.30 – 4pm, on the day.

The Knox Singers will rehearse “Messiah” from 2 – 3.30pm.

Prayer for World Peace – Sunday 13th October, 2pm at the World Peace Bell, Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Join representatives from a wide range of faiths from around Canterbury who will offer prayers for peace on behalf of their own faith tradition. All welcome

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 reading for next week will be:

- 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

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