



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 19 January 2020



COME AND SEE

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, PROCLAIMED TO BE THE LAMB OF GOD;

JESUS, CAPTURING THE HEARTS OF FIRST DISCIPLES;

JESUS, CALLING US TO "COME AND SEE".

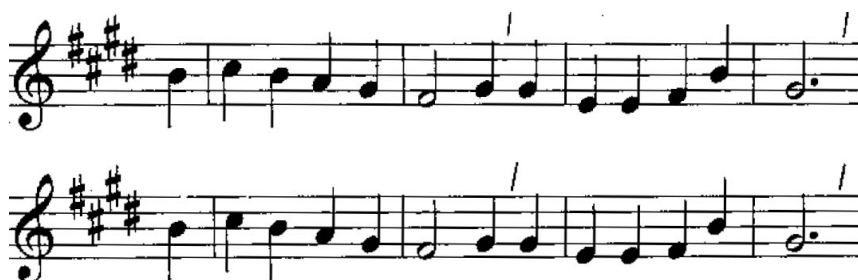
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Crüger

Johann Crüger (1598-1662)





1. O Lord, you called disciples, proclaiming, "Come and see!"
And so an invitation began your ministry.
Then Andrew called his brother, and Peter came to you;
more men and women followed, and little children, too.
2. O Christ, your invitation has reached from year to year!
Through some who heard you calling, a church was founded here.
As faithful people served you so many years ago,
they soon invited others; your church began to grow.
3. God, by your Holy Spirit, now bless us in your name
to take the great adventure, through truth with which you came.
Through gifts of hope and listening, through loving ministry,
may we reach out, inviting the world to "Come and see!"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961), alt.

Prayer of Approach

"Where are you staying", they asked him.
He replied "Come and see".

Through the towns and villages of the region he went,
telling stories,
shining light,
forming family.

They went with him, and saw.

WE TOO WOULD COME AND SEE.

They didn't know, exactly,
but some thought they saw him walk on water,
and multiply the loaves,
and heal the sick.

They went with him, and saw.

WE TOO WOULD COME AND SEE.

They saw him draw anger from the authorities,
strangest echoes of apples and serpents,
of murder and sin.

They went with him, and saw.

WE TOO WOULD COME AND SEE.

They saw him hoisted on a cross,
with mistakes and tears,
and graveside prayers.

They went with him, and saw.

WE TOO MUST COME AND SEE.

He came again,
with peace and life and forgiving.
He appeared as the risen One.

They were with him, and saw.

WE LONG TO COME AND SEE.

In this act of worship,
come and see.

We bring with us the lives we've lived,
the things we've learned,
the wonders we have been shown.

**IN FAITH AND HOPE,
WE COME TO SEE.**

We confess, O God,
that often we shut our eyes
to truths we don't want to see:
truths about ourselves,
truths about the state of our world
and our responsibility for it.

We refuse to learn,
embracing the great ignorance.

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:

Jesus came among us, O God,
to journey through the human experience.
He asked us to open our eyes,
and learn from him.

**GIVE US GRACE,
THAT WE, LIKE THE FIRST DISCIPLES,
MIGHT GO WITH HIM,
SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH HIS EYES,
AND DISCOVERING THE GOODNESS AND GRACE
YOU PUT ALL AROUND US.**

We pray this in his 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

*Although there is no Sunday School at the moment, young ones are welcome to
enjoy exploring the activity area at the rear of the church.*

The First Lesson: Psalm 40: 1-7a

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

The Gospel Lesson: John 1: 29-42

This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

Kelvingrove

Scottish Traditional Tune



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| 1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me? | 3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me? |
| 2. Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me? | 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me? |
| 5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name. | |

Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John Bell (b. 1949)

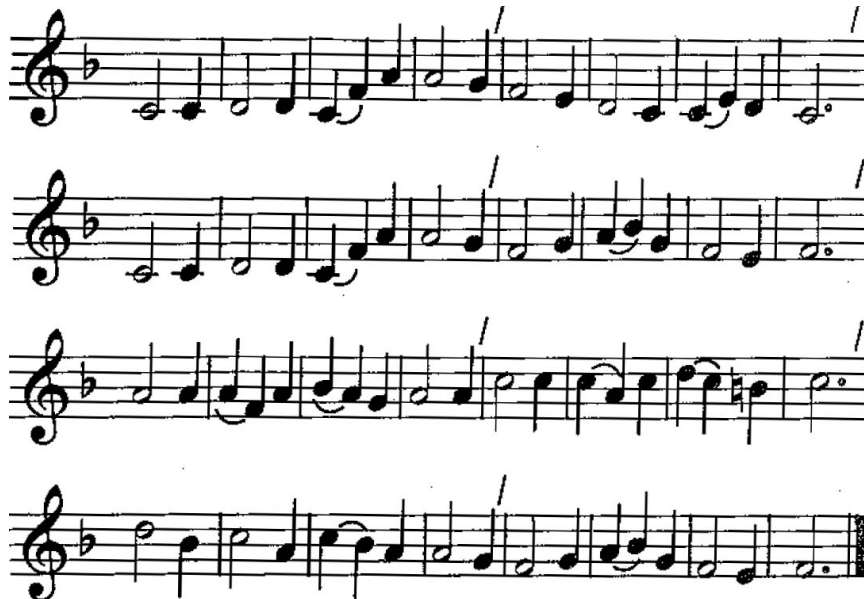
Sermon: Following the Lamb

*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: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Hymn:
Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



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| <p>1. God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.</p> | <p>2. Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.</p> |
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3. End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back ;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.
4. When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Joy Dine (1937 – 2001)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Open our eyes, O God,
as we make this offering,
that we might discern what greater offering,
of time, talent and love we might make.

**BLESS ALL THAT WE OFFER,
IN JESUS' NAME,
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Wolvercote

William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)



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| 1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me,
my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide. | 3. O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
Lord, speak to reassure me,
to chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul. |
| 2. O let me feel you near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,
and shield my soul from sin. | 4. Lord, let me see your footmarks
and in them plant my own;
that I may follow boldly
and in your strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend. |

John Ernest Bode (1734-1820)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 19 January – 25 January 2020

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

Next Week: 26 January – 1 February 2020

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

11.15am Knox Book Group – **see below**

Sunday 26 January - 11.15am in the new foyer. Let's start the year with A. A. Milne! Please bring your favourite poem or story. This year the theme might be 'A stranger comes to town'. For example, Tigger comes to the forest.

Sunday 9th February - The first film will be **Goodbye Christopher Robin**, on at 4pm in the Lounge.

Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life. Knox Church is a charity. All charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Bank account 03 1705 0029641 00. Put your name in the reference field and email your contact details to the office or donations secretary. For further information or options contact: office@knoxchurch.co.nz Ph 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary janmwil507@gmail.com Ph 338 7203.

Rev. David Brown,



REVEREND DAVID BROWN

a Presbyterian minister from Noe Valley parish, San Francisco, is taking some study leave in Aotearoa New Zealand in mid-February, to look at some of the things being done in progressive congregations here, including here at Knox. He hopes to be able to hear something of our story and of the values that have driven our mission discernment. He's also happy to run a couple of evening workshops for us. On Thursday 20th, he'll speak about dismantling structural racism, and on Thursday 27th, he'll describe how the Presbyterian Church USA came to an inclusive stance on same sex marriage and rainbow leadership. He'll be preaching on Sunday 23rd. The Noe Valley parish website can be found here: <http://www.noevalleyministry.org/>

For the young ones

Coloring Page



I can tell my friends about Jesus.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 9: 1-4
- Matthew 4: 12-23

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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