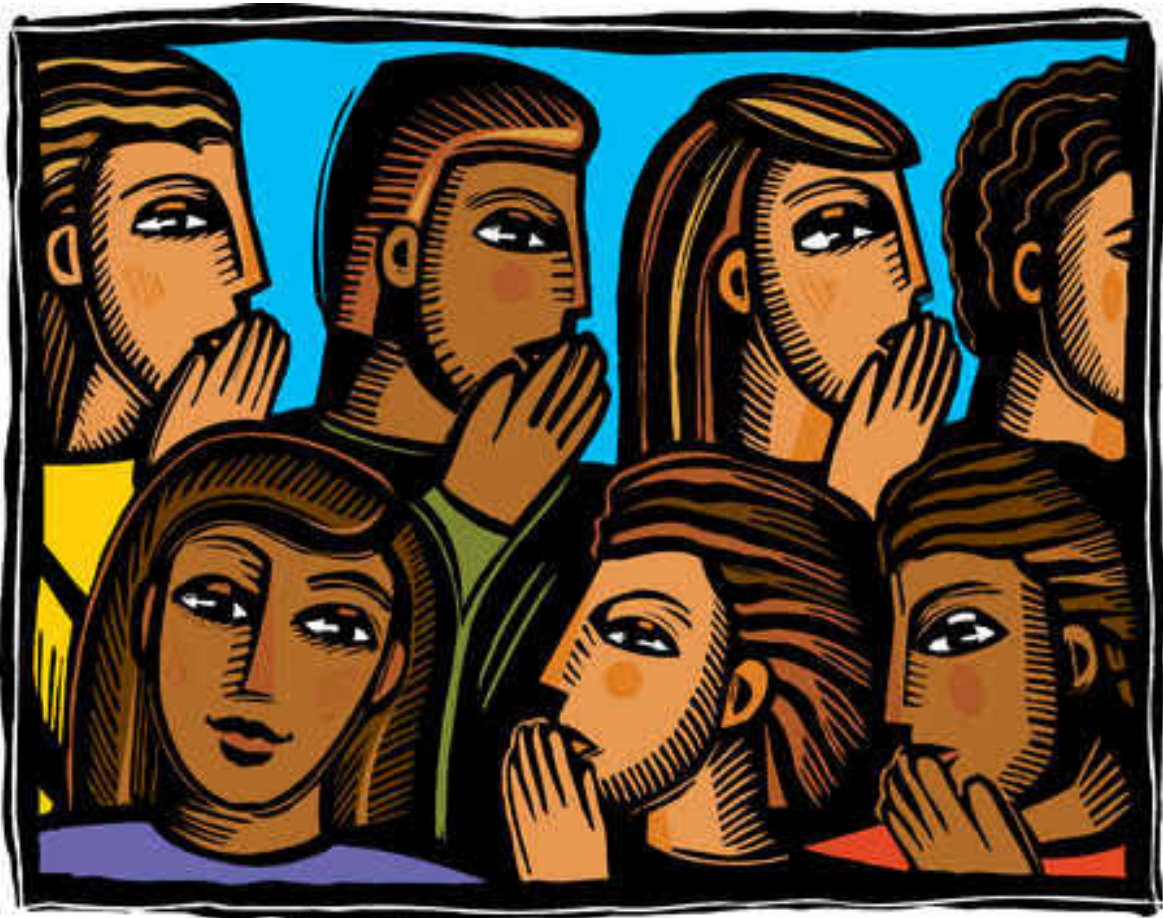




KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service
26 January 2020



CALLED BY CHRIST
- AN ALTERNATIVE VERSION -

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, PROCLAIMING THE REIGN OF GOD IN A HOSTILE WORLD;
JESUS, SABOTEUR OF THE WAYS OF DEATH;
JESUS, CALLING US TO THE RIM OF SKY AND SEA.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Columbus

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)





1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.
*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.
Lord, you were our beginning . . .

3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.
Lord, you were our beginning . . .

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

Prayer of Approach

The God of Abraham
invited a family to journey beyond home,
to explore places unknown,
and to embrace the edges of a promise.

NOT A SIGNPOST IN SIGHT.

The dolphin Christ
swims and surfs the deep.
There is no fixed road in the sea.

NOT A SIGNPOST IN SIGHT.

The Spirit bird hovers overhead,
or is it a cloud?
The exquisite ambiguity of God!
NOT A SIGNPOST IN SIGHT.

Far from the coast,
beyond the charted,
into the mystery of who God is,
Jesus calls us.
NOT A SIGNPOST IN SIGHT.

Meanwhile the rulers rule,
the prison officers lock the doors;
the voices shake,
and the conscience hides in the crowd.
NOT A SIGNPOST IN SIGHT.

Yet, "follow me" he says,
and the faithful hear him.
The fisher folk leave their nets,
they go forth in faith - though there is
NOT A SIGNPOST IN SIGHT.

We too would respond in faith,
but are troubled that, indeed, there is
NOT A SIGNPOST IN SIGHT.

So we linger back.
We turn away.
We buy the promises
of those who market signs
and false securities - by the signified dozen.

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:

In a time of complex politics,
and spreading dissatisfaction,
Jesus began to call disciples.

He told them

that the reign of God had come near.

**AS HE CONVEYS THE SAME NEWS TO US,
ENABLE US, WITHIN THE REALITIES
OF AN UNWELL WORLD,
TO MOVE ALONG
WITH TRUTH AND FAITH.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
and use the words he gave us:

**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 ones are welcome to enjoy themselves in the activity area,
at the rear of the church.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 1-4

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

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4: 12-23

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

Hymn:

Monk's Gate

English traditional melody



1. We who would valiant be: let us not waver,
but in true constancy follow the Saviour.
There's no discouragement shall make us once relent
our first avowed intent to live as pilgrims.
2. Those who may us surround with dismal stories,
only themselves confound; our strength the more is.
No foes shall give us fright, ours is the one true Light;
we will make our right to live as pilgrims.
3. Since, Saviour, you defend us with your Spirit,
we know we at the end shall life inherit.
Cruel rumours, flee away! We'll fear not what they say;
we'll labour night and day to live as pilgrims.

John Bunyan (1628-1688), alt.

Sermon: Peter, mind how you go!

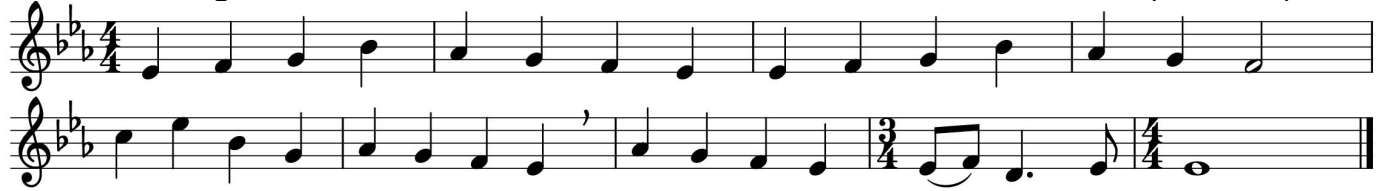
*Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>
Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door.*

Music for Reflection: Communion
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Hymn:

Servant Song

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)



1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
'till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Janet Wilson

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We offer to God
food for the feeding of the people,
and money for the mobilising of mission.

**WE OFFER ALSO
OUR HANDS AND HEARTS,
HOPING THAT GOD WILL BLESS US
WITH COURAGE AND LOVE,
FOR THE MAKING WELL OF THE WORLD.
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: Postlude in D
C. Armstrong Gibbs (1889-1960)

Following the service, tea and coffee are served in the Knox Centre Lounge

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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 (5:30pm - 7:00pm) 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/>



NOTICES

This Week: 26 January – 1 February 2020

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.15am Knox Book Group – *see below*

Next Week: 2 February – 8 February 2020

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship

Sunday 26 January - 11.15am at the back of the Church. 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.

Saturday 29 February – Sunday 1 March – Opening Celebration Weekend of the Aldersgate Centre (Durham Street Methodist). There are several functions which you may attend.

- Opening Celebration – Saturday 29th February at 2.30pm
- Celebration Dinner – Saturday 29th February at 7pm
- Sunday Celebration – Sunday 1 March at 10am
- Festival of Music – Sunday 1 March at 2.30pm

Further details can be found on our noticeboards. To register, please contact opening@aldersgate.org.nz

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For the young ones





The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Luke 2: 22-40

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