



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 18 July 2021



THE SHEPHERD RESPONDS

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.

Pre-service Music - the organ music before the service is an extended improvisation on the hymn tunes featured in the service.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

JESUS, WANTING TO BLESS HIS DISCIPLES WITH A QUIET PLACE;

JESUS, PURSUED BY CROWDS DESPERATE TO SEE HIM;

JESUS, LOOKING UPON US ALL WITH COMPASSION AND LOVE.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Lewis folk melody

Scottish traditional



1. Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the space where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we may see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace;
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for hearts to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

Prayer of Approach

Having sung about finding a quiet centre for our lives,
a space where we are freed
from chaos and clutter,
and can see what really matters,

WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF JESUS.

Having sung about a God who knows our being,
who creates space in our thinking,
who nurtures us for the expanding of faith,

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE OF THE SPIRIT.

Having sung of the unravelling of fear,
of deepest dreaming
and hearts that care,
**WE GATHER AS STUDENTS OF THE TEACHER
WHO SEES THE WORLD WITH COMPASSION.**

As we seek the quiet centre,
RECEIVE OUR SILENT PRAISE.

Silence

Somewhere in the city, compassionate Jesus,
it's not so quiet:
**SOUNDS OF THE FRAUGHT,
NOISES FROM DISTRESS,
INSULTS HURLED,
CRYING IN PAIN.**

Somewhere in the city,
it's not so still:
**JOSTLING FOR POSITION,
PUSHING OF ONE AGAINST THE OTHER,
HONKING THE HORN,
"GET OUT OF MY WAY".**

We offer this to God as our confession,
**PRAYING THAT THE COMPASSIONATE CHRIST,
WHO GIVES ENDLESSLY OF HIMSELF,
WILL HEAR US,
FORGIVE US,
MEND US
AND GIVE US PEACE.**

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:

While Jesus was very busy, O God,
and seeking some time of quiet,
large crowds sought him,
bringing with them
those who were sick and in need.

**AS JESUS RESPONDS TO THEM,
MAY HE SCHOOL US
IN THE ART OF COMPASSION.**

May we learn from the teacher,
BECOMING HIS HEART AND HANDS IN THE WORLD.

We pray this in his name,
using 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.

Our next Sunday School day is 8 August. Today the young ones, under the loving care of their significant adults, are welcome to enjoy the play area at the back of the church.

The First Lesson:

Psalm 23

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

Knox Singers:

If ye love me
Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

The Gospel Lesson:

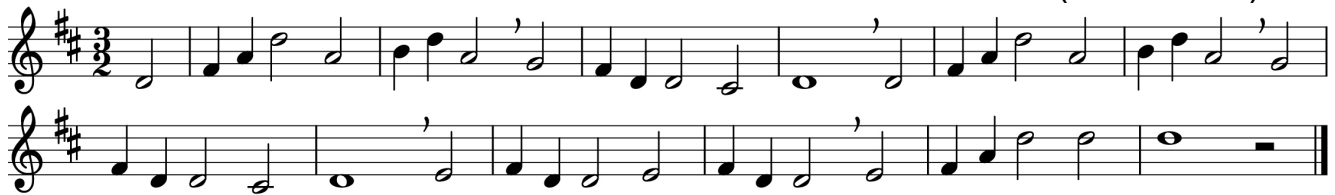
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

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

Hymn:

Brother James' Air

James Leith MacBeth Bain (1860-1925)



1. The Lord's my shepherd: I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
(Each verse, repeat the last two lines of that verse)
2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Scottish Psalter (1650)

Sermon:

Objects in my way

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.

Hymn:

Neighbour

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)



1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?*
2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour . . .
3. I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour . . .
4. When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?
And the creed and the colour . . .
5. When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour . . .
6. When they put me in prison, were you there, were you there?
When they put me in prison, were you there?
And the creed and the colour . . .

7. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there'
wherever you travel, I'll be there.
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Stephen Best

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Having sought the presence of Christ,
and having learned from his compassion,
WE MAKE THIS OFFERING IN FAITH.

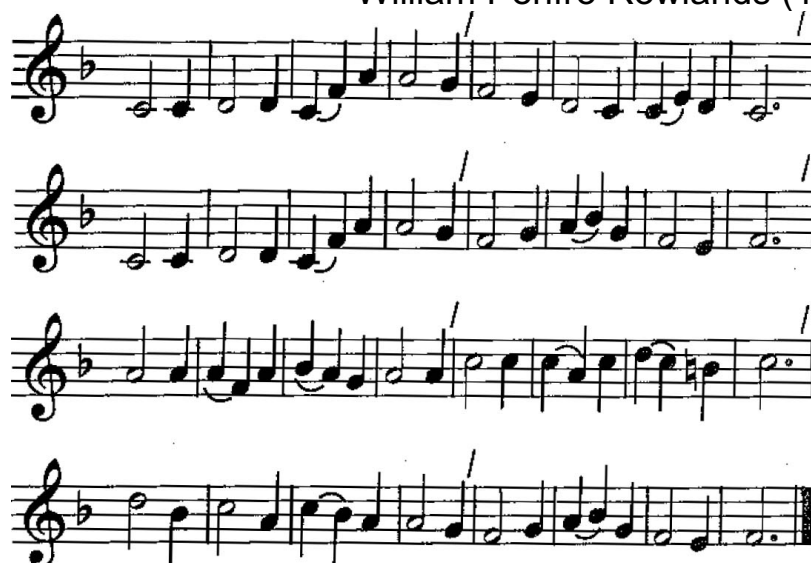
May it do in the world
what Christ would do,
**THAT THE PEOPLE MAY FIND THE GOODNESS OF THE SHEPHERD
AND THE RESTORATION OF THE SOUL.
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



1. Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment,
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together,
gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life,
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Gloria in excelsis Deo
Eric Hardin Thiman (1900-1975)

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

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NOTICES

This Week:	18 July - 24 July 2021	
Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm	Knox Fireside Group – see below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study
Next Week:	25 July - 31 July 2021	
Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be the AGM on Monday July 19 at 7.30 in the Knox Lounge. Matthew Jack will be the speaker. All welcome.

Morning Tea Roster - As the morning tea roster runs out in August a new roster will be drawn up from September 2021 to February 2022. Additional helpers would be appreciated. If you feel you could assist, please contact Jennifer McKinnon, the duty team leader or the church office. Thank you.

Sunday 18 July 7pm Knox Church: concert -Travel Through Time Hidden gems of Baroque music in a candlelight setting. With Mark Menzies violin, Tomas Hurnik cello and students of the University of Canterbury. Adult \$30, senior \$20, student \$10, child \$5. CASH ONLY.

Next week: Sunday 25 July 11.15 in the lounge: Book Group. EITHER Kim's presentation: **Seven Years in Tibet** and **The White Spider** by Heinrich Harrer and **Touching the Void** by Joe Simpson OR **The Secret River** by Kate Grenville.

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.

HELP WITH INTERNET BANKING

The Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa, established in collaboration with the 20/20 Trust in 2018, is a registered charitable trust, seeking to help all New Zealanders access digital support (online and internet services that are becoming more important year by year). In recent times, as cheques have been phased out, and some parts of the country are losing physical banks in the neighbourhood (and even losing ATMs), the Alliance has been concerned to help people, including elderly people, access online banking services. Working closely with local libraries, one initiative is DORA (Digital-On-Road-Access), a 33-year old school bus from Central Otago that was converted into a high tech digital learning centre for the Stepping UP training programme in 2012. DORA is doing a national tour, parking outside various local public libraries. DORA will be in various locations around Ōtauaahi Christchurch over the next few weeks. Times and locations have been posted on the noticeboard in the Lounge, along with phone numbers to ring if you would like to book a session with a tutor.



Notice of DORA's programme was forwarded to Knox via the latest newsletter from Duncan Webb, MP for Christchurch Central.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- John 6: 1-15
- John 6: 16-21

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