



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 25 July 2021

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# FEEDING THE WORLD

## 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, ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER;  
JESUS, BRINGING FROM OUR ANSWERS MANY MIRACLES;  
JESUS, FEEDING THE WORLD WITH THE GOD OF GRACE.**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### **Hymn:**

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Melody from Genevan Psalter 1551



1. All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice:  
delight in God whose praise you tell;  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.
2. Know that there is one God, indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
who claims us, gives all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade.
3. Enter the sacred gates with praise,  
with joy approach the temple walls;  
extol and bless our God always,  
as people whom the Spirit calls.
4. Proclaim again that God is good;  
whose mercy is for ever sure;  
whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

*William Kethe (d.1594) alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

All people who dwell on earth  
are welcome in the love of God.  
As Christ shares loaves and fish  
**THE WHOLE WORLD IS FED.**

They come in need; they come in hunger;  
they come bearing only what they have,  
**AND JESUS WILL SAY FOR THEM  
A BLESSING.**

In the Saviour's hands  
"little" becomes "a lot",  
"shortage" becomes "plenty",  
**LIFE IS AFFIRMED  
AND THE PEOPLE ARE FILLED.**

We come to take our place at God's impromptu picnic;  
**WE COME TO SIT A WHILE  
WITH THE CHRIST WHO FEEDS THE WORLD.**

May God bless our gathering,  
**IN JESUS, WHO IS TRUE AND GOOD.**

*Silence*

One per cent of us  
owns forty three per cent of the world's wealth.  
**WHILE WE SAY THAT GOD FEEDS THE WORLD,  
WE CERTAINLY DON'T.**

While we have an inkling  
that miracles happen mostly when people share,  
**OFTEN WE HOLD ON TIGHTLY  
TO WHAT IS OURS.**

While we are happy to bully a boy  
into releasing to us all that he has,  
**THAT'S ABOUT ALL WE DO.**

So hunger persists,  
**THE FAMILY FABRIC IS TORN,**  
we are unable to say grace together,  
**AND WE MUST CONFESS.**

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:**

At the Word of Jesus,  
a crowd with very little chance  
of being anything but hungry  
was able to rejoice in the God who provides.  
**MAY WE ALSO HEAR THE WORD OF JESUS,  
AND HAVE IT TURN US  
INTO PEOPLE OF PROVIDENCE,  
A GENEROUS PEOPLE OF PRAISE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
using the words we believe 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:** John 6: 1-15

**The Second Lesson:** John 6: 16-21

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

### **Hymn:**

Winchester New

William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)



1. O God, there is no food to find  
and yet the people come in need;  
the hunger's sharp, and fear is high;  
we long for Christ our souls to feed.
2. Young Philip fears there's not enough  
to meet the need of human kind;  
and Andrew, bless his hopeful soul,  
scans all his world, but little finds.

3. A boy out fishing has his catch  
sequestered by a foolish band  
who think his fish may change the world  
if placed within the Saviour's hands.
4. The Saviour praises God, and then  
commands the people to be fed;  
the Spirit moves, the food appears,  
and selfish fear is left for dead.
5. So many questions, God, we have,  
the story stretches mind and heart;  
we pray that we might come to faith,  
and in the story play our part.

*Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

### **Sermon:**

In the Saviour's hands

*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**

#### **Hymn:**

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Welsh traditional melody



1. For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for these gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

*Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Jennifer McKinnon*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

In the hands of Christ,  
five barley loaves and two fish  
blessed the crowd  
with plenty to spare.

**MAY THIS OFFERING FIND ITS WAY  
INTO THE HANDS OF CHRIST,  
THAT ALL GOD'S CHILDREN  
MAY RECEIVE THIS DAY WHAT THEY NEED.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
the feeder of the five thousand,  
**AMEN.**

### **Notices**

## Hymn:

The Ash Grove

Welsh Folk Melody



1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the body of Christ from this dwelling take leave.  
Our worship now ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of God's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for the gospel and answer the call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each time and place.  
With your love you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and His name that we bear.

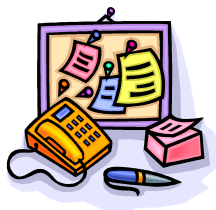
*Omer Westendorf (1916-1997)*

**Benediction** and **Sung Amen**

## Postlude:

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

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## NOTICES

### **This Week: 25 July – 31 July 2021**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Knox Book Group – <i>see below</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

### **Next Week: 1 August – 7 August 2021**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	4.00pm	Knox Film Group – <i>see below</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Sunday 25 July: 11.15 in the lounge Book Group: *The Secret River*** by Kate Grenville. This prizewinning Australian novel (first published 2005) tells of William Thornhill, who was transported from London to Sydney in 1806. He earns his freedom and settles on 'empty' land, which belongs to the Darug people. This book is the first of three, inspired by the author's own family history. We will also look at the book she wrote about the search for the truth about the choices her ancestor made.

**Sunday 8 August: 4pm in the lounge. Film: *The Rabbit-Proof Fence*.** This moving and inspiring true story, set in 1931, follows three Aborigine girls who walk 1500 miles across the arid heartland of Australia, following the rabbit-proof fence, to return to their tribal homeland. The girls are part of the "Stolen Generation": children who were forcibly removed from their homes between 1905 and 1967.

**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.

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Dear Knox Community

July 2021

The Annual Re-birthday Appeal is upon us again – in remembrance of the opening of our re-built church and the final addition of the beautiful stained glass window in 2018.

This year the Knox Council agreed to align the Re-birthday appeal with replacing the high lights in the church with LED lights. LEDs will be more efficient and long lasting and will not emit the irritating buzz that some of the current lights produce.

We hope you can support this project, in the 2021 Re-birthday Appeal.

Appeal forms are available at each entrance to the Church.

Thanks and regards

Finance Committee, Knox Church

## **Public Questions and Social Issues**

In recent times, I've noticed two Parliamentary Select Committees calling for submissions on matters I think would be of interest at Knox: (1) conversion therapy, and (2) hate speech. It seems to me that both topics probably would have prompted submissions from religious groups whose opinions would not align with Knox's values but who would claim to be the sole Christian voice. The PCANZ Public Questions Committee has been disestablished, as has the Methodist Church's equivalent. The Alpine Presbytery's "Church and Society Committee" seems to have ceased its work. Although it's now too late to make submissions on conversion therapy and hate speech, Knox Council wonders whether there is interest here in the formation of a group that could respond to public issues as they arise. If you're interested in participating in such a group, let me know, and we'll see what happens.

Matthew

*Give someone a fish, and you feed them for a day.  
Teach someone how to fish, and you've fed them for a life time.*



## A lovely new home



Matthew moved into his own home here in lovely Ōtautahi Christchurch last month and, now that the dust has settled a bit, is keen to invite you to come and warm it. He'll put on tea, coffee and some nibbles from 2:30pm today until 4:00pm. Feel free to drop in for as long or short as works for you. He'll announce the address at 10:00am worship today.





## The Bible reading for next week will be:

- John 6: 24-35

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