



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 17 October 2021

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**God beyond all Imagining**

## 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.

### God beyond all Imagining

The peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

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

### Call to Worship:

We are always a broken body,

**But we are the body of Christ.**

With the faithful who go before us,

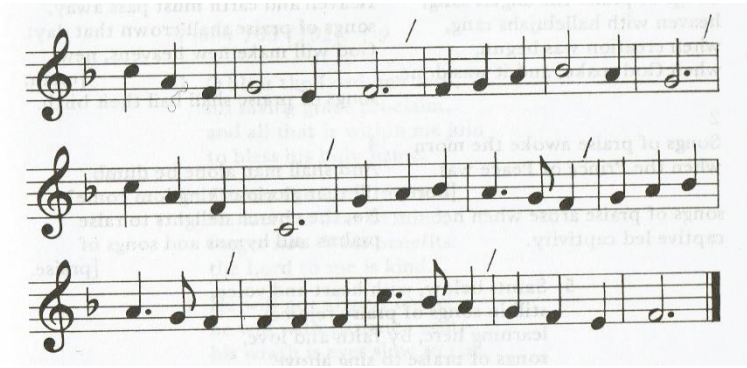
**We are the body of Christ**

In Christ is our unity.

In Christ is our wholeness.

**Thanks be to God !**

Dorothy McRae-McMahon *Liturgies For The Journey Of Life* (London: Society For Promoting Christian Knowledge, 2000) p.8.



## **WOV 61 Lord, your almighty word**

1. Lord, your almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.
2. Saviour, who came to give  
those who in darkness live  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide,  
let there be light.

*John Marriott*

## **Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

O God of mystery and wonder,  
Your being is beyond our comprehension  
and our language cannot express the essence of your reality.

**We come to worship in wonder and awe  
O God of all eternity.**

From nothingness beyond our imaginings  
you called out this vast universe of galaxy upon galaxy,  
star upon star balanced in forces that test our understanding,  
and distance where light makes journeys beyond our lifetimes.

**For the wonder of creation, we bring our praise to God.**

On this spinning and evolving orb we call earth  
God has called us in migration upon migration,  
building and fusing race, culture and religion,  
in encounter upon encounter of growth and challenge.

**For our global home and the ongoing journey of becoming human  
we give you thanks O God.**

As we struggle to find the leading of your Spirit amongst the pragmatism  
and shallow logic of our self-limiting minds you not only inspired sages  
and prophets to guide us but came among us as Jesus Christ inspiring us  
to reach for the true humanity we can become.

**For the love, guidance and inspiration of creator, divine presence  
with us and inspiring spirit we give our grateful thanks and praise O  
God.**

## **Lament**

People so often picture the divine within the limits of their own experience  
and build idols and ideologies to ease our inadequacies.

**It is pleasant to feel the warmth of the divine presence in the sunrise  
but there is still fear and tremble at the shaking of the earth or the  
unexpected volcanic blast.**

Terror and despair grip us in the tearing of the wind and our spirits are dampened by deluge and hope is swept away as the surging sea makes our ears deaf to the divine voice.

**People fail to hear the word of creation in the whirlwind and are blind to the re-creation of lovingkindness.**

Self centered people shun the new beginnings of hardship shared or the creativity of selfless generosity.

**We pray for wisdom in the face of the dangers of this world and hope in the face of disaster, Amen**

### **Words of Assurance**

In Jesus Christ we have assurance of divine presence.  
With such presence each stumble, each fear, each disaster,  
is a step to a new future and each act of selfless service,  
recreates us as a new humanity for a new age.

### **Thanks be to God**

We conclude our opening prayers using the words we believe Jesus taught his disciples.

**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 forever. Amen.**

### **Passing the peace**

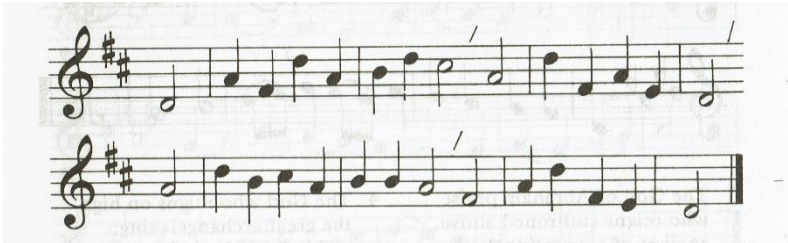
The peace of Christ be with you all **And also with you**

**The First Lesson:     Job 38: 1-7**

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

**The Gospel Lesson:   Mark 10: 35-44**

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



**WOV 54 God moves in a mysterious way**

1. God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.
2. Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never-failing skill  
He treasures up His bright designs,  
And works His sovereign will.
3. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.
4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.
5. His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.

*(M.H.B. 503 - William Cowper)*

### **Sermon**



### **WOV 364 Christ, from whom all blessings flow**

1. Christ, from whom all blessings flow,  
perfecting the saints below,  
hear us, who thy nature share,  
who thy mystic body are.
2. Join us, in one spirit join,  
let us still receive of thine;  
still for more on thee we call,  
thou who fillest all in all.
3. Move, and actuate, and guide:  
various gifts to each divide;  
placed according to thy will,  
let us all our work fulfil;
4. Freely may we all agree,  
touched with loving sympathy;  
kindly for each other care;  
every member feel its share.
5. Love, like death, has all destroyed,  
rendered all distinctions void;  
names, and sects, and parties fall;  
thou, O Christ, art all in all.

*Charles Wesley*

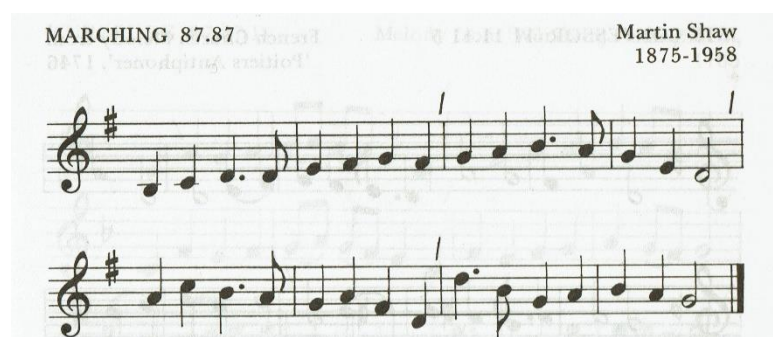
## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

### **The Offering and Dedication**

We bring this offering of money and food along with such money that has been given through direct credit asking that it be blessed for the sharing of love in this parish and in partnership with other agencies may bring transformation and new beginnings, both here and around the globe.

**Amen**

### **Notices**



#### **FFS14 Faith Has Set Us On A Journey Tune Marching W.O.V. 110,**

- 1 Faith has set us on a journey  
past the land marks that we know,  
taking risks with no insurance  
but the Word that tells us "go!"
- 2 Friend or job or home or lover  
we may have to leave behind,  
outworn truths and ways of thinking,  
baggage to the past consigned.
- 3 Some are swags of easy conscience  
who with others hitch a ride,  
some are tourist-package Christians,  
dollar safe with book and guide.
- 4 There are others on this journey –  
those who long and pray and search,  
heave the stones to free the structures,  
love the Christ and leave the Church.



5 We are this unlikely people  
in the Body knit as one,  
company of clowns and cripples –  
some are wise and some can run.

6 Prophets are our travel agents,  
gospel-makers lay this road:  
to the place of peace and promise  
faith will take us to our God.

Shirley Murray

**Commissioning and benediction**  
**with sung amen**

Frederick A. Styles *Worship For An Easter People* 'Volume 1' (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1978) p.,IV-3

**Readings Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Mark 10:46-52**

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**NOTICES**

<b>This Week:</b>	<b>17 October –23 October 2021</b>
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study (not currently being held)

<b>Next Week:</b>	<b>24 October –30 October 2021</b>
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study (not currently being held)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday October 18 at 7 30pm **in the Knox Church**. The speaker will be John Church who will show and talk about his wood carvings. All welcome. ***Please note – entry will be via the New Foyer.***

### **“MERGING TRADITIONS”**

Art exhibition in the Knox Centre Hall 11am-3pm each day from 16-25 October

Delight your eyes, your heart, your spirit with a visit to a wonderfully colourful and stimulating art exhibition created by Sue Spiegel (fabric artist) and Galina Kim (painter). The two artists have combined their talents to produce a stunning and varied series of panels on the theme of Merging Traditions.

First displayed in the Christchurch Cathedral several years before the earthquakes, the fascinating exhibition is now coming to the Knox Centre Hall for just one week.

You won't want to miss seeing this!

Free entry.

**ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** – 2021 ACWC Service and Fellowship of the Least Coin. Theme “Dare to Reconstruct the House of God”. Speaker Ven Nicky Lee.

10am Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October at St Albans Uniting Church. Morning Tea following the Service.

**What to do with milk and soft drink bottle tops?** – Bring them to Knox and put them in a marked container in the new foyer.

A school student living near me uses milk bottle tops and soft drink tops to make skateboards and other items which he sells as a fundraiser for rowing - (each skateboard use 1200 tops!) - So, he needs plenty and is grateful for all he can get.

Many thanks Jennifer McKinnon

## **PILLARS**

Council has approved that for the first three Sundays in November instead of our food donations going to St Georges Iona they will be going to PILLARS. PILLARS is a group that looks after families who have family members in prison. Food especially Christmas type food, toiletries, gifts suitable for children and teenagers etc welcome and will be well used. This is the eleventh year Knox has donated goods to PILLARS .

## **BAKING FOR CHRISTMAS**

As we did last year, we will be baking for Christmas with all the proceeds going to the lighting. There will be Christmas Cakes: Small 10cm, Medium 15cm, Large 22-23cm, Truffles, Afghans and Shortbread made by Doug Shaw.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

All recipes and some ingredients will be given. Can you make Christmas Cakes and/or truffles? Donations of money to go towards the ingredients, seek and collect orders?

### **TIMETABLE**

- October – Order forms go out
- October 31<sup>st</sup> – all orders to be returned
- November – make Christmas Cakes and truffles
- December 4<sup>th</sup> – morning packing baking

***If you can help in any way, please contact:***

Jennifer McKinnon, Email: [Jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz) or 338 0333 or Jane and Lynda in the Office, Email: [office@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz) or 379 2456. Extra order forms can be obtained from the Church Office or from the table in the foyer.

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](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz) Ph 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary [janmwil507@gmail.com](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com) Ph 338 7203.

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