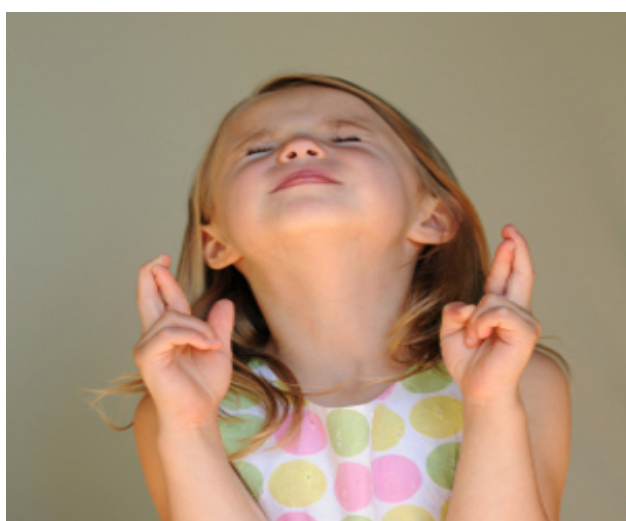




KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 2 January 2022



NEW YEAR HOPE

a service on the first Sunday of the year

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 Welcome

One Minute of Silence

The New Year Sentences:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Revelation 21: 1-5

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WHOSE PHYSICAL DEATH IS A HARD REALITY OF OUR LIFE;
JESUS, WHOSE RESURRECTION CALLS US TO BE PEOPLE OF HOPE;
JESUS, THROUGH WHOSE LOVE WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Lord of the Years

Timothy Dudley Smith (b. 1926)



1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for that Word, the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the Word, receive your people's praise.
3. Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
4. Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
5. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Prayer of Approach

The love that keeps and guides,
that urges and inspires,
that seeks, pardons and saves
IS LOVE THAT WE WOULD PRAISE.

The word that speaks,
then speaks again,
that teaches
and sets the heart ablaze
IS A WORD WE WOULD LEARN TO SPEAK.

The promised land
where spirits are freed from oppression,
where old and young are one,
where wealth is shared with joy,
IS A WORLD THAT WE WOULD BUILD.

A people gathered around Christ,
the source and soul of hope,
the fashioner of the future,
IS A PEOPLE THAT WE WOULD BE.

So hear our New Year praises,
GREAT LORD OF THE YEARS.

Silence

We praise God for the time of New Year,
with its opportunities to review
to imagine,
to hope.
Perhaps also it is a time to frame a confession for the year just gone.
For the ways we failed to love God and neighbour,
for the ways we hurt ourselves
and squandered our human dignity,
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:

God, in whom we live, move and have our being,
and in whose hands we live our days,
grant us grace this New Year Sunday
to understand more deeply
the gift of Christian hope.

**AS HOPE HAS FILLED AND FIRED CHRISTIAN PEOPLE IN THE PAST,
ENABLING THEM TO SEE THE NEW CREATION,
SO MAY WE FIND OURSELVES MADE NEW BY HOPE,
COURAGEOUS BY THE HEART OF JESUS,
AND FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL OF GRACE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words we understand he taught us, together 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.**

*In a suitably physically remote way,
we exchange a sign of peace with one another.*

*Our next Sunday School day will happen once we move out of Covid Orange
Traffic Light status and into Green, and will operate in way consistent with
whatever constraints are recommended.*

The Scripture Lessons:

2 Corinthians 4: 8-14

Romans 5: 1-5

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Hymn:

Miniver

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') (1901-1953)

Sermon:

Optimists, Christians and Hope

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:

Michael

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



1. All our hope on God is founded:
who else can our hope renew?
Still through change and chance God guides us,
only good and only true.
God unknown, grace alone,
calls our hearts to be God's own.
2. Well does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow!
With delight our souls are nourished;
pleasure leads us where we go.
At God's hand love does stand;
joy awaits each new command.
3. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
what with care and toil we're building,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is our temple and our tower.

4. In glad hymns to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the love in Christ made known.
Hear Christ's call, one and all;
you who follow shall not fall.

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "Character produces hope, O God",
you are invited to respond **"AND HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT US "**.*

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

May the God of hope,
revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus,
grow in our imagination and commitments
the capacity to be faithful, creative and good.
**WE DEDICATE THIS MONEY AND FOOD
FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE NEW CREATION.
AMEN.**

Notices

We stand for the

Act of Letting go of the year just past:

For it was you, O God, who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb . . . In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

[Psalm 139: 13, 16b-17]

The risen One of God
has companioned us through our days.
**INVITING US TO SURRENDER OUR BURDENS,
HE CARRIES US THROUGH TIMES OF TRIAL.**

Making his home in our days,
HE MAKES OF OUR LIFE A GIFT.

Every hour of every day,
EVERY DAY OF EVERY YEAR,

year by year, to all eternity,
GOD IS WITH US.

We surrender to God the year just ending.
With its seasons for everything,
its blessings and its challenges,
WE LIVED IT IN THE GRACE OF GOD,
unto whom we offer our worship, singing:

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. With life and light, with grace and peace,
with burdens shared, and grief released,
with all that Christ to us would give,
we go from here, our life to live.
2. Behind we leave the heavy weight,
the weary loads of human state,
for Jesus smiled, and we were healed -
the laws of death, by love repealed.
3. Yes, life is gift, and God is good,
and to our days, bring grace we would,
that when our days one day have passed,
we may in love be held full fast.

Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude

During the current Covid containment level, we are not having our usual post-service morning tea. Should you wish to linger in the church for company and conversation, please do - just remember to maintain suitable physical distancing.

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THE CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER CLOSURE

Knox Church Office is now closed for the summer break. It will open again at 9:00am on Monday 10 January. Because the minister is not taking any annual leave this summer, he will be clearing the office answerphone intermittently during the closure. For any urgent matters, though, contact him at his home phone number, 3570 111.



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I am deeply saddened by the passing of Archbishop Desmond Tutu - a towering global figure for peace & justice, voice of the voiceless & inspiration to people everywhere.

We will continue to draw strength from his humanity, passion & resolve to fight for a better world for all.

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Knox Church New Year Wordsearch

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The Stockdale Paradox[\[edit\]](#)

[James C. Collins](#) related a conversation he had with Stockdale regarding his coping strategy during his period in the Vietnamese POW camp. [\[21\]](#)[\[non-primary source needed\]](#) When Collins asked which prisoners didn't make it out of Vietnam, Stockdale replied:

Oh, that's easy, the optimists. Oh, they were the ones who said, 'We're going to be out by Christmas.' And Christmas would come, and Christmas would go. Then they'd say, 'We're going to be out by Easter.' And Easter would come, and Easter would go. And then Thanksgiving, and then it would be Christmas again. And they died of a broken heart. This is a very important lesson. You must never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end—which you can never afford to lose—with the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be.

Collins called this the Stockdale Paradox. [\[21\]](#)





The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 43: 1-7
- Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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