



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 22 May 2022

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# THE HEAVENLY CITY BUILT RIGHT HERE

a member of the unsung "we"  
gives alternative commentary  
on a rip-roaring success story from the Book of Acts

## 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, WHOSE VISION FOR THE WORLD WAS HIGH BUT GROUNDED;  
JESUS, WHOSE BODY, BY FAITH, WE ARE BECOMING;  
JESUS, IN WHOSE NAME WE GATHER TO PRAY.**

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

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

### **Hymn:**

Wareham

William Knapp (1698-1768)



1. Where high the heavenly temple stands,  
the house of God not made with hands,  
a great High Priest our nature wears,  
the guardian of all life appears.
2. He who for us our surety stood,  
and lived on earth a life so good,  
pursues in heaven his mighty call,  
the saviour and the friend of all.
3. Though now ascended up on high,  
he bends on earth a brother's eye;  
partaker of the human name,  
he knows the frailty of our frame.
4. With boldness, therefore, at the throne  
let us make all our sorrows known;  
and ask the aid of heavenly power  
to help us in the testing hour.

*Paraphrase by Michael Bruce (1746-1767)  
or possibly by John Logan (1748-1788)  
in Scottish Paraphrases 1781, alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

It is one thing, great God of community,  
to sing of that which comes into being  
beyond our capacity to create -  
the wonderful blessings that simply come to us  
from your heart and hand.

**WE SING THE HOUSE OF GOD  
NOT MADE WITH HANDS.**

It is one thing  
to sing of a ministry of love completed,  
a completing of a circle of care,  
a finding rest in something eternal.

**WE SING THE HOUSE OF GOD  
NOT MADE WITH HANDS.**

It is another, though,  
to consider the life of Jesus,  
the journey by foot  
through the world's dust and prejudice,  
through the woodworking of the cross-makers,  
through the waking, sleeping, hunger and feeding -

**DWELLING IN A HOUSE  
MADE ENTIRELY BY HUMAN HANDS.**

It is another  
to consider the striving of people like Paul,  
and Timothy,  
and the great train of other people of faith  
who had to build the body of Christ  
with blood, sweat, tears and human hope -

**BUILDING THE HEAVENLY CITY  
IN THE RAW HERE AND NOW.**

From our human reality,  
the stuff of our life together,

**WE PRAISE THE GOD  
WHO BUILDS THE CITY.**

*Silence*

We confess to God  
that we hide from our responsibilities,  
that we lay unnecessary burdens on one another,  
that we cling to our prejudices,  
and fall short of the hope we have  
to be Christ's people of faith and freedom.

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:**

Calling Paul, Timothy,  
and many others, O God,  
to express the gospel of grace  
as they explored new places,  
you blessed them with courage,  
openness, creativity and hope.

**BLESS US ALSO, OUR GOD,  
THAT WE, IN OUR TIME AND PLACE,  
MIGHT BE GOOD, GENTLE AND CARING SERVANTS,  
FOR THE SAKE OF ALL PEOPLE  
AND TO THE CREDIT OF HEAVEN.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
whose words we use, as together we pray:

**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've moved into a Green traffic  
light setting, and will operate in way consistent with whatever constraints are  
recommended.*

**The First Lesson:** Acts 16: 1-15

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

**The Second Lesson:** Revelation 21:10 and 21:22-22:5

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

**Hymn:**

St Bernard from Hémy's Easy Hymn Tunes for Catholic Schools, 1851-3



1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
in Christ no south or north,  
but one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find,  
God's service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.
3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,  
and neither slave nor free;  
for men and women live in God,  
and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in Christ meet south and north,  
one joyous, true community  
throughout the whole wide earth.

*John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.*

**Sermon:** A chronicle of fragile, absurd and human Christian ministry

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. A video of this sermon being practised is available from 10:00am today:  
<https://youtu.be/DWT9kyEgmcQ>

**Music for Reflection:** Improvisation  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

**Hymn:**

Freeland

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)



1. In this familiar place  
I know the mystery of your grace.  
*For the love that I receive,  
For the truth that I believe,  
I praise and thank you for this here and now.*
2. In halting song and word  
The music of your voice is heard.  
*For the love that I receive . . .*
3. Among these friends of mine  
I taste the company divine.  
*For the love that I receive . . .*
4. Within this narrow sphere  
I learn that you are everywhere.  
*For the love that I receive . . .*

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Jennifer McKinnon*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Timothy may indeed have been compelled to offer himself  
in a way not entirely compatible with the gospel,  
but we make our offering freely.

As money and food are dedicated,  
may God bless the work of the body of Christ.

**AS THE OFFERING OF PAUL AND TIMOTHY,  
AND LYDIA AND MANY OTHERS  
CREATED BELONGING AND GRACE,  
SO MAY OUR OFFERING  
EXTEND THE LOVE OF GOD.  
AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
you, only you, resolved to know,  
in all I think, or speak, or do.
2. The task your wisdom has assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works your presence find,  
and prove your good and perfect will.
3. Give me to bear your easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still on things eternal look  
and hasten to your glorious day;



4. for you delightfully employ  
whate'er your bounteous grace has given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with you to heaven.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.*

## **Benediction**

**Postlude:** Prelude and Fugue in C Major  
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

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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## **PEACE STUDIES 2022 - CONFIRMED DATES -**

The post-service Peace Studies, postponed earlier this year, when it seemed unlikely that we would be able to find four consecutive Sundays not likely to be disturbed by Covid, have been rescheduled. If our community transmission figures trend down as expected, the new dates will be 24 & 31

July and 7 & 14 August. On each seminar Sunday, we imagine gathering at 11:30am, working until soup and buns at 12:25pm, then recommencing at 12:45pm, finishing up at 1:30pm.

Once we're closer to the date, and Covid doesn't seem likely to intrude, we'll invite interested people to indicate willingness to provide buns and soup.

Watch this space.



## NOTICES

**This Week: 22 - 28 May 2022**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
7.00pm Knox Café – **see below**  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 29 May – 4 June 2022**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

### KNOX CAFÉ

Sunday 22 May at 7pm  
Knox Lounge

Speakers:

Maxine Pairama - "PILLARS"

Daphne Marsden - "The Esther Project"

Bring your own nibbles and liquid refreshments –  
tea and coffee will be provided.

All are welcome to come listen to and interact with these fascinating women.

**MONDAY 6 JUNE, Town Hall Auditorium, 2pm** "Happy Anniversaries" organ concert celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the 25th anniversary year of the Rieger organ's installation and Martin Setchell's appointment as organ curator. Admission will be FREE, but tickets **must** be booked in advance by registering online. Visit: [nzorgan.com](http://nzorgan.com). **Koha requested.**

**KNOX LIFE** - The next issue of Knox Life is planned for June. Please send your articles, reviews, poems, photos etc to the office by Monday 6 June.

**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: 379 2456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary [janmwil507@gmail.com](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com) Ph: 338 7203.**

# AUTUMN CONCERT



**Anna Maksymova**  
piano



**Tomas Hurnik**  
cello

**Bach  
Beethoven  
and others**

**Sunday 12th June 2022 | 5pm  
Mt. Pleasant Community Hall**

Ticket price - \$30 | Children under 12 - \$10  
Ticket sale at the door before the concert - cash only



### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Acts 16: 9-15
- John 14: 23-29

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