



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service

29 September 2024

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# VESTIBULAR SENSE

**A SERVICE ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN THE SEASON OF CREATION**

EXPLORING THE SENSES THROUGH WHICH  
WE ENGAGE WITH THE CREATED ORDER

## 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.

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.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, you are welcome to use the language that is most natural to you.

### The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, SPEAKING TO US FROM HIS LONG-AGO LIFE;  
JESUS, CALLING US INTO HIS "NEW CREATION" FUTURE;  
JESUS, IN WHOM CREATION SINGS IN PRAISE OF ITS MAKER.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Rustington

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. Let creation bless its Maker,  
glorify God's name on high.  
In God all things have their being,  
live and move unceasingly:  
Angels and archangels singing,  
all the hosts of earth and heaven;  
power and might are God's forever  
who the Son to us has given.
2. Let creation greet in Jesus  
God eternal's promised Christ,  
seek and find in him salvation,  
Lamb of God once sacrificed;  
raised from death, in glory seated  
into heav'n received again:  
all God's children wait the moment  
for the coming of his reign.
3. Let creation bless the Spirit,  
present through all time and space  
in the work of life's unfolding,  
source of order, truth and grace:  
all the wealth of words and music,  
art and science, quest of faith -  
these are signs that God is with us,  
that the Spirit fills the earth.
4. Gracious God of threefold wonder,  
undivided and supreme;  
filling all things, yet descending  
to our lives, to dwell within:  
through the Church, let every creature  
learn to love and not destroy;  
let creation, reaching upward,  
scale the heights of peace and joy!

*David Mowbray (b. 1938)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Let creation bless its Maker,  
Giver of the senses that bring such joy -  
colour and sound,  
fragrance and feeling,  
light and shade, the spices of life.

**CREATION PERCEIVES AND PRAISES ITS GOD.**

Let creation embrace God's promised Christ,  
who shares our experience of the world  
by seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, touching.  
Rising in the morning,  
sleeping at night,  
standing, working, hoping.

**CREATION PERCEIVES AND PRAISES ITS GOD.**

Let creation bless the Spirit,  
Sustainer of the order in which we live,  
Mover of breath,  
Stirrer of hope,  
Giver of life.

**CREATION PERCEIVES AND PRAISES ITS GOD.**

We creatures of time and place  
sing praise to the God of all creation.

**THROUGH THE CHURCH, LET EVERY CREATURE  
LEARN TO LOVE AND NOT DESTROY;  
LET CREATION, REACHING UPWARD,  
SCALE THE HEIGHTS OF PEACE AND JOY.**

*Silence*

However,  
the blessed senses through which our delight is fed,  
also perceive sights of injustice, and sounds of pain;  
the smell of something amiss,  
the taste of bitter victory,  
the touch of something we know is wrong.  
It troubles us that our world,  
sometimes by our specific making,  
is not as it ought to be.  
So, with sorrow for all creation,  
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.**

### **Theme Prayer:**

You have created us, O God,  
not to be caricatures on some artificial construct,  
but to be real people  
in real places  
at real times.

Your creativity has been beautifully specific,  
as if you delight in the real.

**ENABLE US NOT JUST TO ACCEPT OUR UNIQUENESS,  
BUT TO EMBRACE IT,  
ENJOYING WHO WE ARE,  
AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBOURS.**

May our days be full of gratitude and hope,  
for we pray it in the name of Jesus,  
who taught us to pray, 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.**

*We exchange a sign of peace with one another.*

## A Series of Readings, Reflections and Hymns

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 these reflections being practised is available from 10:00am today: [https://youtu.be/bdq82\\_HU0eo](https://youtu.be/bdq82_HU0eo)

**Introduction:** Attempts to "up the number"

**Knox Singers:** Lead me, Lord  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

**Lesson:** Genesis 28: 11-19

Jacob called the place "House of God", because God was there.  
**MAY OUR HOUSE ALSO BE GOD'S ENGAGEMENT PLACE.**

**Reflection:** *Where we are, with hands and feet*

*We remain seated to sing*

**Hymn:**

Salzburg melody adapted from Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)



1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
your people still are fed,  
who through this earthly pilgrimage  
have our ancestors led:
2. Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and raiment fit provide.
3. O spread your covering wings around,  
till all our wanderings cease,  
and at the great Creator's throne  
our souls arrive in peace.

*Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) and others, alt.*

**Lesson:** 2 Timothy 4: 1-8

Since we live in "interesting times",

**MAY GOD DIRECT OUR HANDS AND FEET.**

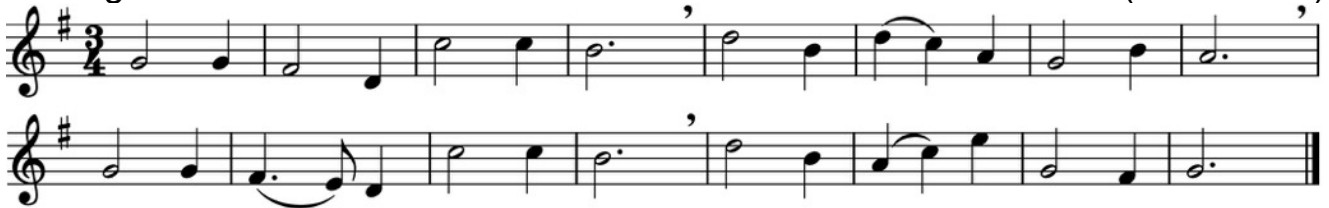
**Reflection:** *When we are, with hands and feet*

*We remain seated to sing*

**Hymn:**

Nottingham

Wenzel Müller (1747-1835)



1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

*Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)*

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

*led by Norman Wilkins*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Placed in this particular place, O God,  
and in this particular time,  
we stand uniquely as servants for this day.

**GIVE US, WE PRAY,  
USEFUL WORK TO DO,  
UNDAUNTED HEARTS,  
AND SOLID GROUND UPON WHICH TO STAND.**

Bless the offering we bring,  
through Jesus Christ,  
**AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

New Directions

Barry Brinson (b. 1939)



1. Christ has changed the world's direction!  
Christ can change the human heart:  
agents of the new creation  
mend the people torn apart;  
so are we  
charged to be  
go-betweens for unity.
2. Peace will be our way of thinking:  
common wealth and common state.  
Gone the wounds, the words and weapons  
that conspire to hurt and hate,  
and no power  
shall devour  
earth or air where peace might flower.
3. Debts and doubts will be forgiven,  
cancelled in the name of God,  
olive trees again be planted  
there where soldiers' boots have trod,  
hunger fed,  
terror fled,  
justice shining in its stead.
4. Envoys of a High Commission,  
gifts of hope we find to share,  
Christ the Spirit reconciling,  
Christ our internet of care.  
Though we stall,  
fail or fall,  
shall we now refuse God's call?

*Shirley Murray (1931-2020)*

### Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Selections from "2001: A Space Odyssey"  
arr. Jeremy Woodside (b. 1989)



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

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## NOTICES

**This Week:**           **29 September – 5 October**  
Sunday               10.00am   Morning Worship  
Wednesday       10.00am   Bible Study

**Next Week:**       **6 October – 12 October**  
Sunday             10.00am   Morning Worship  
                       5.00pm    Film Group in Lounge  
Wednesday       10.00am   Bible Study

**Climate Change:** Dr. Richard Milne has made a presentation on “Climate change: the science and our responses” to the Shalom group. He is happy to share this with anybody who requests it from him: [richardmilne12@gmail.com](mailto:richardmilne12@gmail.com).

**Sunday 6 October 5pm in the Lounge:** **The Englishman who went up a hill but came down a mountain (1995).** In 1917 two English cartographers come to a tiny Welsh village to measure the height of their local mountain, the first mountain inside the border from England. However, the cartographers (one of whom is played by a very young Hugh Grant) declare their mountain does not meet the minimum height and is just a hill. What do the villagers do?? Enjoy breathtaking scenery and a wonderful cast of idiosyncratic characters.

**Shared Lunch:** On Sunday 13 October at 11.30am in the Lounge. Please bring a plate of food to share. This will be the final shared lunch for 2024 beginning again in 2025. All welcome.

**Christmas Baking:** Please note that we will not be undertaking the Christmas Baking fundraiser this year as Jennifer McKinnon is unexpectedly unable for organise it all. Apologies to all who were looking forward to ordering the seasonal treats.

**Heritage Festival:** Knox open afternoon on Saturday 19 October 2pm til 3.30pm – helpers required to meet and greet visitors. Talk to Bronwyn if you would like to assist.

**First Aid:** If you feel it is time for you to attend a First Aid Course, an opportunity has arisen via the Victoria Neighbourhood Association which incorporates Knox Church. See pamphlets placed at both entrances. Although the pamphlet says otherwise, you can register right up to the date of the course and it means everyone's cost will be reduced.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We'll be having our annual "Blessing of the Animals" service on Sunday 20 October. One of the regular features of this service is the playing of a slideshow of images of much-loved pets who are no longer with us. If you have a photo to be included, please send it to Lynda in the office by Wednesday 16 October, and she will make sure it is included.



## **Peace is Her Song:** **the life and legacy of Shirley Erena Murray** - a special book launch -

Please join author Anne Manchester, the Rev. Dr Matthew Jack and hymn writer Marnie Barrell at a special launch in Ōtautahi Christchurch of *Peace is Her Song: The life and legacy of hymn writer Shirley Erena Murray*.

**When:** 20 October, 5pm

**Where:** Knox Church

**What to expect:** A musical celebration of Shirley's life and gifts as this country's and one of the world's most noted hymn poets.

Books will be on sale for \$50. Eftpos available.

For more information about *Peace is Her Song*, go to:

<http://www.philipgarsidebooks.com/>

## **Sister Eveleen Retreat House may need you!!**

### **Vacancy for a Live-In Host**



**Interested in serving God through the gift of hospitality??**

Sister Eveleen Retreat House (SERH) is perched on the hill overlooking Sumner Beach. It is a place steeped in prayer and offering opportunities in contemplative Christian spiritual practice. The house accepts guests all year around, runs regular retreats, and hosts a wide range of Christian groups.

We have a vacancy for a **Live-in Retreat House Host (RHH)**, paid 10 hours a week, accommodation provided. The RHH works with the Director to provide a hospitable welcome to guests and a presence at the house when the Director has left for the day.

We're looking for someone who has a strong, firmly rooted, Christian faith, someone who has a heart for the contemplative expression of faith as a way for God to be closely present.

Are you comfortable welcoming strangers, discerning when to chat and when to be silent, mature and responsible?

This might be more than just a role; it could be a calling for someone who feels drawn to a ministry of hospitality and contemplative service. You might be on sabbatical, writing/researching/working from home, or in a transitional stage of your life. (with the possibility of a 6 -12 months role)

#### ***Still Interested??***

If you think Retreat House Host sounds like you, please ask for a ministry description, or arrange a visit to Sister Eveleen Retreat House, by contacting the Director, Antje Duda [antje\\_duda@sistereretreat.com](mailto:antje_duda@sistereretreat.com), phone 022 563 6879.

We would welcome your expression of interest, so please email a 1-page summary of who you are, what you've got to offer, and how this role might work from your perspective to the chair of the Oversight Board to [serhchair@gmail.com](mailto:serhchair@gmail.com) by Friday, 11th October 2024.

For more information about Sister Eveleen Retreat House check out our website: [www.sistereretreat.com](http://www.sistereretreat.com)

Sarah Gardiner  
(SERH Board chair)

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## The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Job 1:1, 2:1-10
- Mark 10: 2-16

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