

Knox Service Outline

10/12/25

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Reader: Lilian Sutherland

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Land Acknowledgement (Unison) Elder

As followers of Jesus, we are compelled to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. It is our love of God and neighbour that leads us to acknowledge that we gather with gratitude on the traditional and unceded Coast Salish Territory of Lkwungen people. We pray that past and present injustices can be reconciled as we commit ourselves again to just and respectful relationships.

Gathering Song: Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary

Repeat Twice

Psalm Reading: Psalm 66:1-12

Pastor

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

 sing the glory of his name;

 give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

 Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

 they sing praises to you,

 sing praises to your name." *Selah*

Come and see what God has done:

 he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

He turned the sea into dry land;

 they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him,

 who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;
you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Call to Worship Prayer (Responsive)

Pastor

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
We will worship the Lord with gladness and come into God's presence with song.
Know that it is the Lord God who made us, and we are God's people.
We will enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.
Let us give thanks to God this day and bless God's holy name.

First Hymn: 434 - For the Beauty of the Earth

All

Gathering Prayer

Pastor

Gracious and Loving God, we gather in this season of thanksgiving, struck by the colours of the leaves, the last warm breezes, birds flying south in formation. Such beauty speaks to us of your goodness, and your desire to provide what each of your creatures needs. As we gather, renew our sense of gratitude for every good gift you offer us. Especially we praise you for the gift of Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk in the world you love and offers us grace and compassion to share with those we meet. Receive our love and gratitude in his name, and by your Spirit, empower us to live gratefully each and every day.

Second Hymn: 457 - Now Thank We All Our God

All

Prayer for Understanding (Unison)

Reader

Living God, you feed us not only with bread from the harvest but with your Word, which stands by us in every circumstance. Nourish us with your hope, and comfort us with your presence, as we listen for your voice speaking in the Scriptures today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 29:4-7 (OT 731)

Reader

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 (NT 208)

Reader

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

Scripture Response

Reader

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Luke 17:11-19: Thankfulness

Pastor

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Third Hymn: 435 - All Things Bright and Beautiful

All

Offering and Prayer

Pastor

On Harvest Sunday, we celebrate the gifts of God's good earth which sustain us, as well as the labour of those who grow, harvest and prepare these gifts so we can thrive. Today let us share our own gifts with you, offered so that the ministry and mission of Christ's church can thrive.

Offering Song: 306 - Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Pastor

Gracious and generous God, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we receive from your hand. Bless and multiply them, just as Jesus multiplied a few loaves and fishes to bless others. Use them so others can taste your love in our community and in your world, through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor

Living and loving God, We acknowledge that we enjoy life with an abundance many nations cannot imagine. Yet, we confess we do not always recognize the blessings we share. We worry about our futures, and ignore the present needs of those around us. Forgive us our fears and narrow vision and our failure to care for creation as you intended. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and set free to begin again. At this time of Thanksgiving, let us give special thanks for God's most generous love.

Pastoral Prayers (Responsive)

Pastor

Generous God, on this Harvest weekend, we thank you for all things great and small, for moments of wonder and for ordinary exchanges that fill our lives with meaning and offer us a sense of wellbeing. May our friends see in us the signs of a grateful heart.

God of all goodness,
Receive our prayers.

Generous God, as we give thanks for the harvests of the earth and all the goodness that sustains us, we pray that you will show us how to live respectfully in creation and protect all that is precious to you. Wherever harvests have been disappointing, show us how to share what has been produced so that no one goes hungry.

God of all goodness,
Receive our prayers.

Generous God, we pray for the good of your world and the common good in our community. Where there is strife and hostility between peoples and nations, inspire leaders to show wisdom and courage in their decision making. We pray for people and places hard hit by flood or fire, tornado or hurricane, epidemic or earthquake... *(Hold silence for ten seconds)*

May neighbours with resources maintain generosity and compassion for the long work of reconstructing lives and livelihoods.

God of all goodness,
Receive our prayers.

Generous God, we pray for our neighbours and those of our number who are facing health challenges or difficult times for any reason ... *(Hold silence for ten seconds)*

And we pray for family and friends under stress or in sorrow whom we name in silence before you ... *(Hold silence for ten seconds)*

Make us generous in compassion and understanding for each one.

God of all goodness,
Receive our prayers.

Generous God, in Jesus Christ we have met your generous love and mercy. Through our lives and by our prayers, reveal his love and mercy to this generation, for it is in his name we offer the prayer he taught us ...

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Pastor

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

Fourth Hymn: 324 - Great is Thy Faithfulness

All

Blessing

Pastor

Go on your way rejoicing this day, and let your gentleness be known to others. Keep on doing the things you have learned from Christ Jesus our Lord, and be grateful. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the coming days through the grace of Jesus Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Dispersal Song: May the God of hope go with us every day

Repeat Once

Postlude