

# Knox Service Outline

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**Reader:** Dennis Sutherland

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## *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: As we Gather***

***(Sing Twice)***

### **Psalm Reading: 40:1-11**

**Pastor**

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

**Responsive Call to Worship**

**Pastor**

O Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouths shall declare your praise.**  
O Lord, open our eyes,  
**So that we may behold your presence.**  
O Lord, open our ears,  
**So that we may hear your call to follow.**  
O Lord, open our hearts,  
**So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.**

*First Hymn: # 500 Open my eyes, that I may see*

**Prayer of Adorations & Confession (Responsive)**

**Pastor**

God, our Creator and Redeemer, your faithfulness endures forever. You offer us new life in Christ Jesus and call us to follow him. You challenge us to bring life and hope to the world you love. In you we find strength and courage to face every challenge. And so we offer our praise and gratitude to you, O God, with Christ and the Spirit, one God, now and always. Assured of your loving-kindness we confess to you our sins:

**Faithful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost yet it's hard to recognize we have lost our way. We seek the next new thing instead of your gift of new life. We follow the trends of our culture rather than Jesus' example. Wash over us with your cleansing Spirit, and renew our commitment to follow your purposes revealed in Christ Jesus.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Pastor**

Let us rejoice, for God has put a new song in our mouths! Trust in God's enduring love and mercy, washing over us every day. Know that forgiveness is yours through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Second Hymn: # 328 This is my Father's world*

**Prayer for Understanding (Unison)**

**Reader**

**Holy One, you have blessed your people with wisdom over the ages. We seek your wisdom today. Send your Holy Spirit now, to give us understanding through your Word read and proclaimed this day.**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7**

**Reader**

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have

spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God.”

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12**

**Reader**

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God and is intended to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering. For it is indeed just of God to repay with affliction those who afflict you and to give relief to the afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in a fiery flame, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marveled at on that day among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Scripture Response**

**Reader**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: Standing Still**

**Pastor**

**Third Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

**Offering and Prayer**

**Pastor**

God has given us a new song in our hearts, a song of thankfulness and praise. So we bring our gifts with thanksgiving and hearts cheered by God’s goodness.

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

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

**Pastor**

**Gracious God, we offer you our gifts with humble hearts. Each gift seems small on its own, so bless each one and those of your people throughout the Church. Through the work of your Holy Spirit, surprise us with all that our gifts can accomplish, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayers (Responsive)**

**Pastor**

God of purpose and promise, we open our hearts to you in prayer, trusting in your mercy to bear the burdens we carry. We thank you for the work and witness of your Church, bringing your Good News into many lives and situations throughout the earth. Today we pray for the unity of the church and that where we are divided you will unite us, where our witness has grown weak you will strengthen us where we are in error, you will correct us.

**Guide us into unity.**

We pray for congregations that are in ecumenical shared ministries, and feeling the renewal of your Spirit. *(Hold a few seconds of silence.)*

**Guide us with your grace.**

We thank you for the healing that comes from your hand, O God, in times of reconciliation when your forgiving love is at work, and in times when pain is eased and grief is comforted. Today we pray for those whose emotions are raw, for those whose bodies are weakened and for any whose minds are troubled in any way. *(Hold a few seconds of silence.)*

**Guide us to hope for new life with you.**

We lift to you people around the world who work for justice and unity to prevail in the midst of division: in nations where conflict has broken out or repression rules, in places facing poverty, famine or destruction from disaster, and anywhere racial and ethnic disparities weaken common life. *(Hold a few seconds of silence.)* Send your justice to bring relief and your peace to help understanding prevail.

**Guide us to seek your truth and justice.**

As the followers of Jesus, give us the courage to unite not only in prayer but also in action for the needs of this world. Strengthen us to work together, despite our differences, so others may see what it means to follow you in Christ's name. And so we join in the prayer Jesus 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: # 645 Follow me, the Master said***

**Blessing**

**Pastor**

Go with strength and humility, for you are servants of our Saviour who walks with you. And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit bless and sustain you, now and always. Amen.

***Dispersal Song: Draw the Circle Wide***

***(verse 2 / Sing Once)***

***Postlude***