

Knox Service Outline

05/31/26

Interim Moderator: The Rev. Daniel Martinez

Pastor: James Prette

Music: Connie Dunwoody

Elder: Martha Anderson

Reader: Fiona Gow

Prelude

Music

Welcome/Announcements/Land Acknowledgement (Unison)

Elder

Knox Church recognizes that the land where we gather for worship belongs to God, as does all of creation. We also acknowledge the Coast Salish Peoples on whose territories we meet, worship, and engage in ministry. We recognize that this is the unceded territory of the Lkwungen and WSÁNEĆ people. As we pray, reflect, and celebrate in this place, we do so as guests lamenting historic and current injustices. We are grateful to be here, and we honour the Nations who have cared for these lands, waters and air and continue to do so today. We ask that God lead us along the path of reconciliation, bringing accountability and healing.

Gathering Song: Dance With The Spirit (Verse 1 x 2)

Music

Psalm Reading: Psalm 8

Pastor

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Call to Worship Prayer (Responsive)

Pastor

Holy are you, Source and Creator of all things;

We praise you for your gift of life.

Holy are you, Son and Redeemer of all things;

We thank you for your gift of new life.

Holy are you, Spirit and Sustainer of all things;

We worship you in holiness, Ever Three and Ever One.

First Hymn: How great thou art, #332

Music

Prayer of Adoration & Confession (Responsive)

Pastor

Holy God, you are Three in One and One in Three. Praise to you, Source of life, maker of Heaven and Earth, who created us in your image and called us good. Praise to you, Jesus Christ, born in our flesh to teach us how to love and offer us grace and mercy. Praise to you, Holy Spirit, for the energy you bring us to greet each day as a gift. Holy God, Three in One and One in Three, we praise you for your mystery and mercy. Reveal to us how to live as your people and witness to your wonder and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray.

God of mystery and mercy, you know the details of our lives. You see the sin and the sorrow we bear; you see the problems and the possibilities we face. You see how we fit into the world around us and how we rub each other the wrong way. We confess we do not always see what you see. Open our eyes to the truth of our lives and touch us with your grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor

The Apostle Paul teaches us that if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; everything has become new! Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's gift of forgiveness and peace!

Second Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #321

Music

Prayer for Understanding (Unison)

Reader

Holy God, you have spoken through your Living Word, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit speaks through the Scriptures. Help us understand what you are saying to the church so that we may know your will and follow your way.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-4a

Reader

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good ...

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-19 (JPV)

Reader

The end goal of all things, it's coming near. Therefore, being clear minded and self-controlled, you can offer prayer. Above everything, love each other deeply, for love covers a multitude of wrongs. Offer each other hospitality without any grumbling. Each one of you should use whatever gift you have to serve others, faithfully passing on God's free gifts in all their various forms. For instance, if anyone can speak well, do that as if you are speaking God's very words. Or, if anyone serves well, you should do it with God's strength, so that, in everything God gets the attention through Jesus Christ. May all the glory and the power be his for ever and ever. Amen!

My dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery test you are experiencing, as if something unique were happening to you. Instead, rejoice that you get to participate in the sufferings of Christ, and then you may be very joyful when his glory is revealed. If you get insulted for serving Christ, you can be happy, for then the glorious Spirit of God is resting upon you. But, any suffering you experience should never be for being a murderer, or a thief, or any other kind of criminal, or even for being a meddler.

However, if you suffer as a "Christ follower", do not be ashamed, but praise God that you get to bear that name. For the time for judgment is here and it starts with the family of God. And, if this judgment starts with us, what will the result be for those who do not respond to God's good news. So, those who suffer in the service of God's will, should continue to commit themselves to the faithful Creator by continuing to do good.

Response

Reader

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: A Living Hospitality

Pastor

Third Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love #229

Music

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor

Trinity Sunday proclaims the outpouring of love within God's own being, for God's very nature is love. May our gifts offer an outpouring of our love for God and our willingness to put that love into action in God's world.

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

Music

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Pastor

God of overflowing love, receive our gifts as signs of our love and commitment to live for you. Bless our gifts and our lives, that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as we follow Jesus, equipped by the Spirit to serve you well and wisely. Amen

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Responsive)

Pastor

Holy God, whose glory is beyond compare; whose mercy is boundless, and love for us is endless; look upon us now in your compassion. We pray for peace that calms our hearts, that quiets our minds and soothes our souls, and for peace in the whole world and throughout creation:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the stability of the church and the unity of this congregation, for the ministries of your church around the world in challenging and difficult times:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for this country, our leaders, and all those in public service (names may be added) and for all who offer themselves in service for the common good:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation in its beauty and bounty, for the wellbeing of every creature and their habitats, for a willingness to change our ways to protect places and people at risk, and for generations yet unborn that they too may thrive:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the safety of those who must travel by land, sea, and air, and for all those who are separated from those they love:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, the suffering, and the isolated, for victims of violence in their homes and in their nations, for refugees and people held as captives:

Hear our prayer.

To you, Holy God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, belongs all glory, honour, and worship, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Hear us now as we pray in the words that 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: We are one in the Spirit, #471

Music

Commissioning & Benediction

Pastor

Trinity celebrates the overflowing love within God's very nature, a dance of unity and diversity in the heart of God. So, join the dance and let God's love flow through you each day. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion in the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and lead you onward, now and evermore.

Dispersal Song: #726 May the God of Hope Go with Us (x2)

Music

Postlude

Music