

Knox Service Outline - Communion 06/07/26

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Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Land Acknowledgement (Unison)

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.

Celebrations, Joys & Concerns

Sung Response: God's Blessing on You

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

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Give thanks to God and call on God's Holy name

We will tell of God's wonderful works!

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

We will sing God's praises!

Give glory to God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

We will remember God's mercy in all our words and actions.

First Hymn: # 290 Immortal Invisible

Prayer of Approach & Confession

Gracious and eternal God, we come together today as a community of your people. We come to worship you, to draw close to your presence, and we wait to hear your voice. Come Spirit of gentleness and sweep your wind among us in this place. Stir us, coax us, call us, guide us - goad us. Renew us in the depths of your holiness and teach us to love with an expanding heart. We praise you for your guiding hand upon our lives and your sustaining love and grace. Merciful God, we are a resurrection people, but too often we fail to remember it. We can lose sight of your living presence. Shine your light into the dark places and open our eyes to where you desire to touch us and make us whole. We bring you our faults

and foibles, our weaknesses and our wounds. Forgive our grudges, or those times when we have settled for bitterness. Forgive our fears, when we have forgotten you are faithful in all things and that you are always present with us. Unclench our hands - that we may reach out to one another. Open our eyes that we may see Christ in friend and stranger. Come to us Jesus and renew us with your love. Shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. For we ask these things in your holy name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

God's love for us is tender and compassionate. It meets us in the dark places where we forget that there is still hope. Christ's grace and love is lavish and unending, surrounding and upholding us, always ready to create something new. We are set free to begin again as redeemed people! Friends believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Second Hymn: #673 A Bush Burst into Flame

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard. In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known. In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-14

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 19:1-10,14

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Third Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Scripture Response

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Pay Attention

Third Hymn: # 543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee (Verses, 1,2,3, 5, 7)

Offering invitation

There are some who have much, and some who have little. We are called to serve one another. In compassion we are called to share what we have, that others may know God’s grace, discover new life, wholeness and joy. Let us continue to worship God as we present our offerings.

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Receive our gifts, O God, as you receive our prayers and praise. Bless both what is given and those who give it. But bless most deeply of all those whose lives will be touched by what we offer here. Amen.

Apostles Creed # 539 (Unison)

(Remain standing if you are able.)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Fourth Hymn: #740 Make me a channel of your peace.

Invitation to the Table

Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little, and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you, and gave himself for you.

This is the Lord's table. Our Saviour invites all those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Just a reminder that everyone is invited to come forward to receive communion. To reduce touching of the elements please hold out your hands cupped to receive the bread, which is gluten and dairy free. There is wine as well as juice. If you are unable to come forward please signal an elder who will come to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Before all that is, You were God. Outside all we know, You are God. After all is finished, You will be God. You beyond the galaxies, You under the oceans, You inside the leaves, You pouring down rain, You opening the flowers, You feeding the insects, You giving us your image, You carrying us through the waters, You holding us in the night, Your smile on Sarah and Abraham, Your hand with Moses and Miriam, Your words through Deborah and Isaiah, Your hope through Hannah and Mary. Therefore, with apostles and prophets, and the great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise:

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the one who comes and bears your name always!

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! You being truly and eternal God, lived as Jesus among us, took flesh and became human for us and for our salvation. Holy God, we remember your Son, His life with the humble, His welcome of the outcast, His death among the wretched, His resurrection for us all: Your wisdom our guide, Your justice our strength, Your grace our path to rebirth. You, loving Jesus, Healing, teaching, dying, rising, Sharing our joys and our sorrows Inviting us all to your feast. And so we proclaim together the mystery of our faith:

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

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Holy God, we beg for your Spirit. Enliven this bread, Awaken this body, Pour us out for each other. Transfigure our minds, Ignite your church, Nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, united, Make us, though broken, whole, Make us, despite death, alive. By these signs of bread and wine, we recognize the longings of all our hearts for a time when all humanity will be one family - Holy Spirit, hover over our lives, uniting us in these signs and strengthening us to live the resurrected life of Christ in the world. As this bread and wine become a part of us, May we become a part of you Jesus, and of your healing work in this broken and hurting world. You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, Our Life, our Mercy, our Might, Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove, Our Light, our Treasure, Our Way, our Truth, our Life. You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! All honour and glory is yours forever. And so we offer ourselves to you as we sing:

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and amen!

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The Words of Institution

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Sharing the Cup & Bread

(When it is time to share in Holy Communion, you are invited to please come forward. Please hold your hand out to receive the bread. And remember that all are welcome at this table. If you are unable to come to the front, please signal an elder who will come and serve you. The bread is gluten and dairy-free. Both juice and wine are available.)

Prayer after Communion

God of Grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. We thank you for your Son Jesus who is our peace. We thank you that you give us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. May this food strengthen us in love, and help us to serve you and each other. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. O Holy One, calm us into quietness, that we may be attentive and notice your nudges; that we will be aware of the needs around us. Help us to grasp the grace of what you are making possible, with your touch, your breath, your love. Enlarge our sense of wonder, and open our eyes and ears to hear your call to us, as we face our broken and divided world. Help us to trust the power of your transforming love at work in us, through us and around us. Create in us hopeful hearts, We pray for people who face discrimination because of their race, religion, gender, orientation, or ethnicity. Open our eyes so that we may always see each person as precious to you. God of mercy, we pray for peace in a world that is marked by so much violence, anger and war and conflict. Jesus Christ, light in our darkness, lighten the burdens of those we bring to you in the silence of our hearts for those who are grieving, those who are afraid, for those who are sick. By your Spirit, you have made us one with Christ, and united us with all who share this feast in every time and place. Send us out as your faithful people, filled with the joy of new and eternal life. Strengthen us to serve you in the places you have called us to until that day when we feast with you in Glory. Hear us now as we pray in the words Jesus taught his friends:

The Lord's Prayer (Sung) : # 469 Our Father in Heaven

Commission & Benediction

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

Postlude