

Knox Service Outline

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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.

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

Psalm Reading: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless God's name. For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Call to Worship Prayer (Responsive)

Holy and generous is God, the Creator of all things.

Loving and gracious is Christ, the Bearer of healing and hope.

Gentle and wise is the Holy Spirit, the Breath of new life.

Trinity of grace, we call on you today.

Come and worship the God who made us and loves us all!

We come with joyful praise and hopeful hearts!

First Hymn: All things bright and beautiful #435

Prayer of Adoration

Holy Creator, you are holy and mysterious, you were before all things, you are above all things and beneath all things; by your Word all things were made by your steadfast love you redeem all things. Holy Christ, you came that we might have life and in you we know the full extent of God's love.

Day to day, your grace sustains us. Holy Spirit, you are eternally pouring forth wisdom, vision and direction. You abide with us in fellowship, now and always. In recalling your grace and wonder, we confess with confidence our sins:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips are afraid to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change and open us to a future in which we can be changed. Give us the grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe the Good News: in Christ we are a new creation: the old life is gone and the new life has come. Know that you are forgiven and have the courage, strength and grace to forgive one another.

Second Hymn: Come, Holy Spirit

Prayer for Understanding (Unison)

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; so that as we come to understand, we may trust you, and in trusting, we may follow you, through Christ our Lord.

OT Reading: Exodus 19:2-8

They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one, "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

NT Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Response

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Sent as a A Royal Priesthood

Third Hymn: I, the lord of sea and sky #592

Invitation to the Offering

God’s Spirit equips Jesus’ followers to bring healing and hope to the world God loves. The gifts we offer God are tangible signs of that healing and hope at work in us and through us, for the sake of Christ our Lord.

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God of grace and goodness, your world is full of gifts that sustain our lives. We offer our gifts in gratitude. Bless them and make them signs of your presence at work in the world, touching lives in need with your love and strength. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Responsive)

God of the earth and all its peoples, in Jesus Christ, you proclaimed the good news that true life and peace are found in you. Guide your church to proclaim this good news, not in ways that merely please people or don't ruffle feathers, but in ways that bring Christ's reconciling love to divided communities and lives out of joint with each other. Shine your light into the world's hidden corners, exposing violence, exploitation, and bigotry. Reveal what dehumanizes the vulnerable and degrades your creation.

God of the earth and all its peoples,
Let your light shine!

God of healing and hope, thank you for your faithfulness to us in all situations We pray for all those who are ill or in pain, for the anxious and discouraged, for those experiencing violence, for those facing death or the loss of someone dearly beloved, and for those struggling to make ends meet in these uncertain times. We pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development and its partners as they work to bring healing and hope to places of strife and deprivation. (*Specific prayers for places in need or facing unrest.*) May the mission we share in Jesus' name shine the light of your love into desperate lives.

God of the earth and all its peoples,
Let your light shine!

God of the faithful future, bless this community of faith and guide us as we plan for the future in changing times. Bless students and teachers as the school year ends and restore them for learning with summer enjoyment. Grant us all times to rest and to enjoy this summer and replenish our hope and energy to serve in your world.

God of the earth and all its peoples,
Let your light shine!

We pray for your creation and for the places in this world that are scarred by degradation and pollution; let a spirit of care make us faithful stewards and caretakers of the world you love. And we pray for those places around the world that are marked by war, violence and poverty; let a spirit of generosity and care make us advocates for justice and peace who speak the Good News of God's reconciling love.

God of the earth and all its peoples,
Let your light shine!

We offer all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to say together:

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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: Lord, the light of your love is shining #376

Commissioning & Benediction

Walk gently on the earth God has entrusted to us all and cherish God's amazing creation. Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. Amen.

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

Postlude