

Knox Service Outline

06/28/26

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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.

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

Psalm Reading: Psalm 13 NIV

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I wrestle with my thoughts

and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Look on me and answer, LORD my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"

and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

But I trust in your unfailing love;

my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I will sing the LORD's praise,

for he has been good to me.

Call to Worship Prayer (Responsive)

Let us sing of God's steadfast love.

We offer our praise in songs of joy.

God's faithfulness is as vast as the heavens.

We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship God in our prayers and our praise.

We will give God glory now and always!

First Hymn: #814 Morning has broken

Prayer of Adoration & Confession (Responsive)

Holy and Loving Creator, Christ and Spirit, how majestic is your name in all the earth. From north and south, from east and west, drawn by your majesty, we come to worship your beauty and holiness. For the gift of this new day, fresh from your hand, we rejoice. For the renewal we know through friendship with Christ, we praise you. For your Spirit's energy, blessing us in each moment, we honour you. Accept our praise offered in word and action, and guide us always in the truth of your ways as we worship you as One God here and everywhere, now and always. The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

God of mercy; as we gather to celebrate your gift of love we recall with sorrow the times when we forget you and are divided one from the other. How often our thoughts, our words, and our actions, have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us. Forgive us, merciful God. Mend what is broken. Heal the wounded relationships that separate us from you and one another; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus Christ knows we have fallen short of his intentions for us, yet in his great mercy, he welcomes us back into his embrace. Thanks be to God that we are forgiven, refreshed and restored for ministry by God's grace.

Second Hymn: #466 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet

Prayer for Understanding (Unison)

Prepare our hearts and minds, O God, to receive your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may obey your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9 NRSVUE

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

NT Reading: Matthew 10:40-42 NRSVUE

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Response

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: No Insignificant Givers or Gifts

Third Hymn: #774 God forgave my sin

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus teaches that the gift of a simple cup of water is a gift worthy of his disciples. Friends, whatever we give to God this day can bless the world in Jesus’ name. So, give with confidence that your gift matters.

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Generous God, what we return to you today has first come to us from you. Bless what we offer so that those in need may taste your abundance which we know already in Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Almighty God of heaven and earth, with joy and thanksgiving we praise you, for you create, sustain, and redeem all things. Eternal God, thank you for listening to us in every situation. Keep our eyes open for your Spirit at work among us. We offer in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying:

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: #672 Jesus calls us o’er the tumult

Commissioning & Benediction

Be confident that the Holy One will provide, for the promise of God is trustworthy and the presence of God is enduring. Therefore, show up in the world with boldness and clarity, so that justice and righteousness may prevail. In the name of Jesus. May it be so for you, and through you. Amen

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

Postlude