

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 145:8-9, 14-21

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Call to Worship Prayer (Responsive)

God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

We look to God for nurture in every season.

God is near to all who call out in truth, and watches over all.

We will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.

First Hymn: Will You Come And Follow Me #634

Prayer of Adoration

Mysterious and merciful God, we praise you for abundant life, for the beauty of creation, and the blessings of each day. We praise you for communities of care, for your guidance and wisdom, for justice in a broken world and for healing. Your grace satisfies us in every situation, and so, we worship you as the Source of life and love, comfort and courage, as Creator, Christ and Spirit, One God, this day and every day, now and always. Trusting in your grace and goodness, we confess to you our sins:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and merciful God, In Christ you show us the way of compassion and forgiveness, yet we neglect the suffering of others and hold grudges. We blame and judge each other in the moments you call us to act with kindness and mercy. Free us from greed and from grievance, and open our hearts so that we may embody Jesus' teachings and walk in his way this day and always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Christ, you are forgiven. Forgive one another, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

Second Hymn: Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

Prayer for Understanding (Unison)

Holy God, your Word is bread for our journey. Send your Spirit so that we may know your wisdom and live it out for the sake of Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

OT Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

NT Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said,

“Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Response

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: You Do It

Third Hymn: As Water To The Thirsty # 688

Invitation to the Offering

The sacrifice that honours God is a thankful heart. So let us present our offerings with thankful hearts, grateful for all of God’s goodness to us.

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Blessed are you, God of all creation, for all your good gifts. Use the gifts we offer to spread your goodness in Jesus’ name. Let your Spirit work through us so that your goodness will move through us into the world wherever we go. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your goodness in the changing times of our lives. For every occasion you have surprised us with a blessing, we give you thanks in the pressures of this present moment, we are grateful for the strength and courage we find, knowing you are present. Give us wisdom and patience to face a future filled with many questions and challenges. Help us trust in your goodness even when we wrestle with what comes next. Aware of our own needs and the great need around us, we remember Christ’s compassion and offer our prayers for the world, seeking your guidance so that we may do our part to share comfort, healing, and hope.

God of provision and care, we pray for those who are hungry or homeless, and all those feeling the stress of rising prices. We pray for those who have lost shelter and support in fires or flooding and drought. Give the leaders in our communities and our nation wisdom and courage to work together to make decisions for the wellbeing of the most vulnerable. *(Keep silence)*

God of healing, we pray for all who are sick or in pain in body, mind or spirit, those waiting for diagnosis or treatment, and all who face chronic health challenges. Equip those who offer health care to manage the demands they face and to provide care in kind and compassionate ways. *(Keep silence)*

God of the stranger, we pray for those who offer hospitality. Keep us alert to the needs of visitors, strangers and newcomers and open our hearts so that your goodness will touch those we meet. *(Keep silence)*

God of comfort, draw near to all who face unexpected sorrow this summer and join with those who celebrate happy occasions, too. Be our bread for the journey to sustain us and encourage us, whatever the days ahead hold for us. We pray together the words you taught us, 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: Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song #655

Commissioning & Benediction

Wherever you find yourself in the days ahead, in a lonely place or in the midst of a crowd, watch for signs of God's goodness. May God our Maker fill you with confidence, May Christ our Saviour bring you peace and comfort, And may the Holy Spirit renew your energy to greet the gift of each new day.

Dispersal Song: Go Now in Peace, Never Be Afraid

Postlude