

Knox Service Outline - Communion 09/06/26

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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: There is room for all

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather together as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

We come seeking an awareness of God's presence as we travel on.

God is very near to each one of us

We are all called into the circle of God's love.

Let us worship the God of love.

First Hymn: Here I am to worship

Prayer of Approach & Confession

God of Grace and wholeness....

The wonders of your creation;

The splendors of the heavens, the beauty of the earth, and the order and richness of all of nature, speak to us of your glory.

The gift of your Son,

The presence of your Spirit,

The fellowship of your church, these all show us the wonders of your love.

Holy Spirit – you touch our lives with hope.

Receive our worship – claim us for your service
and set us free to honour you in all we do.

Jesus, you are Lord of our lives, but we confess we have sinned against you and against those
whose lives we touch, - through our ignorance, through our weakness, through our own deliberate
faults.

Forgive us we pray and set us free from the prison of grudging hearts and resentful spirits.

Infuse us with courage to act with justice and generosity/

Draw us into the circle of your endless love that does not calculate or keep score.

Come O Holy One and make us whole.

In the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

We are all God's Beloved!

God says to us: Do not be afraid – for

I have redeemed you; you are mine.

I have set you as a seal on my heart.

I have carved you on the palm of my hand.

In Jesus Christ we have seen the love of God,

and we know that we are forgiven people.

We are set free to begin again as redeemed people!

Thanks be to God for such grace.

Amen.

Second Hymn: God of the Sparrow

#307

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

Lord of life we come to you, seeking the light of your face and the surprises of your grace. By
the power of your Holy Spirit, open to us the treasures of your love and your wisdom.
Encourage what you have begun in each of us through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-4a, 18-19

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for
I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you
shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of
Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are
precious in my sight and honored and I love you....

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it
springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Scripture Response

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Be not afraid!

Third Hymn: Simply Trusting

#689

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 grow in God’s grace, discover new life, wholeness and joy. Let us worship God as we present our offerings.

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Gracious God, may these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness; hope, to those who live in despair; and justice to those who are oppressed. Receive the gifts we place into your hands that through them, your love will be made visible, and others blessed. In Jesus' name. Amen

Apostles Creed # 539 (Unison)

(Remain standing, whether in body or in spirit)

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: All who hunger, gather gladly

#534

Invitation to the Table

The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and of all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who feel you have failed; Come.

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.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

... as we lift our voices 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!

... we proclaim the mystery of our faith...

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

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... All honour and glory is yours forever, and so we sing.

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and amen!
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The Words of Institution

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 in grace. 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. Grant that we who have received this sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus our Lord, may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life. Help us to trust the power of your transforming love at work in us, through us and around us. Create in us hopeful hearts, as we face our broken and divided world.

We pray for people who face discrimination because of their race, religion, gender, orientation, or ethnicity. Open our eyes so that we learn to see each other differently, seeing each one 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

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 gentle night to you.

And may the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, today, and always. Amen.

Dispersal Song: We are marching/Siyahamba #639

Postlude

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