

Knox Service Outline - 10/11/26

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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: The Steadfast love of the Lord (Chorus)

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Call to Worship (Responsive)

We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

Here God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

First Hymn: Come, ye thankful people, come

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Prayer of Approach

God of all time and space, you have called people to meet you over the centuries, in many different places, in many different ways. We praise you for welcoming us, receiving us as we are. You hear our prayers and claim us as your own. In this hour of worship, send your Spirit upon us to revive our faith and guide our footsteps in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour.

Prayer of Confession

God of all life and each life, you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are often anxious to see results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others rather than seek solutions. Forgive us. Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious.

Assurance of Pardon

While it is true we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. So be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Second Hymn: Forty days and forty nights

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Prayer of Understanding (Unison)

God of prophets and parables, we gather to listen to the Scriptures read and proclaimed. By your Spirit, grant us fresh understanding, and challenge us to live according to your transforming grace. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

New Testament Reading: Luke 4:1-12

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were

over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Scripture Response

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Temptations

Randy Hein

Third Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised

#569

Offering invitation

The Apostle Paul urges us to think on things that are honourable and just, commendable and true. To share what we have is honourable. Our gifts can help create justice and work for truth to prevail. So trust your gifts to God and know they are pleasing to God.

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Generous God, we offer to you part of the abundance your share with us. Bless our gifts and work through them, so that others will know your generosity and be touched by your love through the kindness we can offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession (Responsive)

We give you thanks, O God, for all things that make life good, and pray that all people will share in the blessings we know. For the world, for the wonders of earth, sea and sky; for beauty in nature and wildlife; and for the rhythm of the days and seasons;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

For waters that refresh and sustain life; for soil that is fertile and rich; for those who tend crops and care for harvests; for those who produce, deliver and market our food and for those who make sure the hungry are fed;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

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For days to work and strength to do it; for the many different gifts and talents you have given us; for those whose work is dangerous and demanding, for those whose positions are necessary for communities to flourish; and for moments of leisure and rest when you restore us;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

For human life; for talking and thinking together, working on problems and plans; for burdens and joys shared; for relationships that give life meaning; and for the wisdom exchanged between old and young in mutual support:

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

For our circle of family and friends; for children and their curiosity and joy; for the insight that comes with patience and experience; and for events shared and memories cherished;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

For your grace in times of anxiety, doubt and grief; for healing in times of illness, confusion, and distress; for rejuvenating strength and renewed purpose; for scientific knowledge and discovery to confront disease and improve health;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

For the trust that you hear each prayer and know every need; that you love and care for each soul and body; and that you walk with us through all our days and seasons;

We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

We offer our prayers, spoken and unspoken, in Jesus' name, saying together the words he taught us:

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: God of grace and God of glory

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Commission & Benediction

In this season of harvests from field and garden, walk with thanksgiving in your hearts, savouring the abundance God's creation produces,

honouring what the earth needs to flourish again next season.

And may the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Dispersal Song: Go make a difference (vs3)

Postlude