Knox Service Outline 11/01/2026

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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 W̱SÁNEĆ 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) **#20**

Call to Worship Psalm 100: 1-3 (Responsive)
Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Enter into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that has made us and we are his.
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Prayer of Approach / Invocation

First Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty **#321**

Psalm Reading: Psalm 107: 1-9; 33-39 **pg 559**
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants. He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in; they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their cattle decrease.

When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Second Hymn: Great is they faithfulness #324

Prayer of Understanding (Unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit that we may hear and understand your living Word as the Scriptures are read and interpreted.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:1-10 pg 652

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

The Moabites shall be trodden down in their place as straw is trodden down in the manure.

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New Testament Reading: Luke 5: 27-39 **pg 63**

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up, left everything, and followed him. Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

Then they said to him, “John’s disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink.” Jesus said to them, “You cannot make wedding attendants fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.” He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise, not only will one tear the new garment, but the piece from the new will not match the old garment. Similarly, no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins and will spill out, and the skins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine but says, ‘The old is good.’

Scripture Response

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The Dawning of a New Day

Third Hymn: Power of Your love **Screen**

Offering invitation

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Loving God, we come before you with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. Receive the work we do and the gifts we bring. May they and us be blessed by you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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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: Christ be our light **Screen**

Commission & Benediction

Dispersal Song: Go make a difference **Screen**

Postlude

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