



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service

6 July 2025



**1/4 IN A SERIES OF SERVICES ON
UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS**

ACCESS TO FOOD

WELCOME TO KNOX

Knox Church is a congregation within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. We aim to create Christian community in which people of all ages, sexual orientations, cultural backgrounds and socio-economic situations are included as equally valued participants in our congregational life. We cherish our diversity, offering a safe place of belonging to any who wish to explore their beliefs in an atmosphere promoting discussion, the development of healthy relationships and spiritual growth. We strive to be open to dialogue and shared experiences with people of other faiths. We enjoy worshipping the God made known in Jesus, endeavouring to do so in ways that are relevant to our daily lives, respect the integrity of creation, and make a positive difference to our wider world.

A loop system for hearing aids operates at Knox.

Toilets are available through the door on the city side of the sanctuary.

This is a communion service. The table at Knox is an open one. Members of any church, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

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We take care to use inclusive language in our services. References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender-specific. As we pray and sing together, you're invited to adapt the words we've chosen.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, you are welcome to use the language that is most natural to you.

Introit: Oculi Omnium
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

*All eyes look to you, Lord: and you give them food in due time.
Glory to you, Lord, Amen. Psalm 145:15*

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, a light in the world.

**JESUS, WHOSE HEART WAS ON FIRE FOR THE PEOPLE;
JESUS, FOR WHOM JUSTICE AND FREEDOM WERE TREASURES;
JESUS, WHO CAME TO FEED THE PEOPLE FOR FULLNESS OF LIFE.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Tredegar

Guthrie Foote (1897-1972)



1. God of freedom, God of justice,
You whose love is strong as death,
You who saw the dark of prison,
You who know the price of faith,
Touch our world of sad oppression
With your Spirit's healing breath.
2. Rid the earth of torture's terror,
You whose hands were nailed to wood;
Hear the cries of pain and protest,
You who shed the tears and blood;
Move in us the power of pity
Restless for the common good.
3. Make in us a captive conscience
Quick to hear, to act, to plead;
Make us truly sisters, brothers
Of whatever race or creed -
Teach us to be fully human,
Open to each other's need.

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

Prayer of Approach

Beginning a Season of Reflection on universal human rights,
we sing a song of freedom and justice,
and of a God whom we believe
to be the source of all such things -

A GOD EMBRACING ALL PEOPLE.

Beginning a Season of Reflection
on aspirations cobbled together at the end of a global tragedy,
in the hope that the future would be better,
if only we could work together, we sing a song
OF OPENNESS TO ONE ANOTHER'S NEED.

Part of the world seeks to create non-cultural,
non-religious, careful documents,
and while another part of the world
seeks to culture-cancel everything that is not of its faith,
this wee congregation seeks wisdom
from the deep well of its tradition,
THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW PEACE.

Receive our silent worship.

Silence

God, you have an inclination to mend,
to re-create,
and to bless.
You have an inclination to forgive,
and to create a new world
where all is settled, redeemed and well.

You will indeed meet with love
our failings and errors.

So, even in greed and silliness,
we are bold to pray

. . . Lord have mercy.
CHRIST HAVE MERCY.
Lord have mercy.

Assurance and Response

. . . In the name of Christ I say to you:
You are forgiven and you are free.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Theme Prayer:

God of hope and vision,
at the end of a terrible war,
a group of nations gathered to forge a better way.
WERE YOU PRESENT IN THAT?

One of the basic needs they identified
was access for all people to food:
**FOOD ON THE TABLE,
FOOD TO NOURISH THE BODY,
FOOD TO GLADDEN THE HEART.**

Make us to be people of your nourishing food,
**FEEDING THE WORLD
FOR A BETTER FORM OF LIFE,**
for we pray this in the name of Jesus,
AMEN.

The Notices

The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Article 25

Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself [sic] and of his [sic] family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.



Background to the Writing of the Declaration

The food Situation - 2025

Knox Singers: Ave Verum
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste
in the trial of death!
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

Lesson: Matthew 14: 13-21

This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.
All eyes look to you, O God,
AND YOU GIVE THEM FOOD IN DUE TIME.

Reflection: Jesus handles a food crisis

Sermons are posted on our website: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>
Hard copies are available – ask the person at the door. A video of this sermon being practised is available from 10:00am today:
<https://youtu.be/KNvCH6M3dQY>

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words, "Let us break bread together",
you are invited to respond "**ON OUR KNEES**".

. . . **OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,
YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.
SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL
AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.**

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we bring what we have gathered,
using the talents that you have given us.
It will further the work of your kingdom.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.**

The Passing of the Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**A KI A KOE ANO HOKI;
AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Communion Hymn:

Let us break bread

African American spiritual melody



1. Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
Refrain:
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Refrain
3. Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees.
Refrain

Based on an African-American spiritual

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution and Setting Apart of the Elements

The Great Eucharistic Prayer:

May God be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.

Let us give thanks to the world's creator.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

It is right indeed . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God:

Jesus, Bread of Heaven,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

Jesus, recreating your people where they stand,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

Jesus, foretaste of the new creation,
GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

The Communion

*For the distribution, please come forward to the table,
receive some bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat. If you prefer
gluten free bread, some is available on the plinth in front of the bread servers.
Non-alcoholic grape juice can be taken from the trays held by the glass servers.*

The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,
we give you thanks and praise
that while we were still far off
you met us in your Son, and brought us home.

**MAY WE WHO SHARE HIS BREAD
LIVE HIS RISEN LIFE;
WE WHO DRINK HIS CUP
BRING LIFE TO OTHERS;
WE WHOM THE SPIRIT LIGHTS
GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD,
THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,
AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.
AMEN.**

Hymn:

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;

hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

Tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796) and William Williams

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Postlude in D minor
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the church.



NOTICES

This Week: **6 July – 12 July**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
 4.00pm Film Group - Bonhoeffer
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: **13 July – 19 July**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
 11.30am Shalom
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Film Group – Today at 4.00pm in the Lounge: Following on from the extensive study which Len took with Shalom, we have managed to access the thoughtful and realistic film **Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin.** (2024) with subtitles.

Tech Assistance required: Is there anyone in the Knox community who may be able to help a couple of people with newish Samsung tablets please? They are set up and working but the settings could do with being checked to enhance their capacity and safety. Unfortunately Senior Net only supports those with Apple devices. If you have a little bit time and inclination, please email Susan Peake - email address held in the office.

Sunday lunch 20 July – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the **Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead**. Meet at around 12pm. Please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance if you are planning to join us, or, send an email to Jenneke (email address held in the office), preferably no later than Wednesday the 16th.

Introduction to Meditation:

“The Why of Meditation: Physiological, Psychological and Spiritual aspects”.

Saturday 19 July - 10am-1pm in Knox Centre Chapel

10.00am Presentation and discussion on the why of Meditation: Physiological, Psychological and Spiritual aspects.

11.00am Morning tea

11.20am Meditation time followed by discussion on the Meditation experience

12.15pm Lunch and the opportunity to discuss more and decide if there is enough interest to have a regular mediation time based at Knox

1.00pm Finish

Any inquiries please contact Bobbi Laing, phone number held by the office.

The International Fourth Annual Peace Wave - Sunday 6 July, 2-2.15pm at the Peace Bell in the Botanic Gardens. The Christchurch Chapter of World beyond War is celebrating the International Fourth Annual 24-hour Peace Wave. The event aims to connect people worldwide in a unified effort for peace and to challenge military buildup and conflicts. Please come and join in this promotion. A five minute video clip will be taken and added to 11 others generated by events in New Zealand and Australia. These videos will be joined to those from other countries taking part. This will be to create a 24 hour long Zoom featuring live peace actions in the streets and squares of the world, moving around the globe with the sun. This event is promoted by the following groups: 'International Peace Bureau' (IPB), 'Stop the War', 'Gensuikyo' (The Japan Council against A & H Bombs) and World Beyond War. Any inquiries please contact Bobbi Laing, phone number held in the office.

Next week

Clothing



13 July

Genesis 3: 8-14, 21.

Having experienced shame in their nakedness, Adam and Eve receive garments from God.

Matthew 25: 32-40

When did we see you naked, and clothe you?



You are invited to a Forum on:

OUR ENVIRONMENT

From where to here ... to where?

Keynote Speaker: Dr Paul Broady
Adjunct Appointment
University of Canterbury
School of Biological Sciences

Faith Responder: Dr Richard Milne
Health Economist and Environmental Activist

When: 6.00 pm
Thursday 17 July 2025
(refreshments from 5.30 pm)
Koha please

Where: Knox Centre
cnr Bealey Ave & Victoria St

Organised by EcuAction

Further info from: Marilyn, ph 021-0613940

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Genesis 3: 8-14, 21
- Matthew 25: 32-40

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