



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

14 June 2026



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**DIGNITY
AND THE FREEDOM TO EXIST**

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 - use your aid's "T" setting.

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

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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.

Today we welcome "Clarion", who have come to sing the anthem. Welcome Clarion. We are so pleased to have you with us.

The Greeting and Welcome

The Introit: Faith is the bird that feels the light
Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, a light in the world.
JESUS, KILLED IN A CRUEL, UNUSUAL WAY;
JESUS, RAISED BY GOD IN A TRIUMPH OF NEW CREATION;
JESUS, IN WHOM WE BECOME CHAMPIONS OF GOSPEL LIFE.

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

Hymn:

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise,
Alleluia!
2. Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who
burned for what is right,
Alleluia!
3. And for our own, our living
and our dead,
thanks for the love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread,
Alleluia!
4. Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness
does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again.
Alleluia!

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

Prayer of Approach

Give thanks for life, indeed, O God,
for the life that makes us live and breathe,
and rise to the coming of the morning.

GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE.

Give thanks for life, O God,
for the Chernobyl foxes and flowers
living, prancing, moving
in a world abandoned by human damagers.

GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE.

Give thanks for life, O God,
on the death rows,
and waiting places
and hospices.

GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE.

Give thanks for life, O God,
as world councils say "No" to cruel and unusual punishment.

GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE.

Give thanks for life, O God,
when Moses gets angry
and Jesus is condemned.

GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE.

Give thanks for life, O God,
for by your Word we live,
and move
and have our being.
We rise to life,
and offer worship to the Giver of life.

GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE.

Silence

It is not lost on us,
that the One whom we follow
was condemned,
sentenced,
and robbed of life.
By capital punishment,
we've had a death in our family.

Pause

Seeking to be people of life,
we call upon you to make us kind and forgiving,
and to stop killing one another.
We set before you the things that we would release,
and in confession, say

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:

We know, O God,
that Jesus got angry
and that you expressed your anger in your very own way.

**HELP US TO EXPLORE THIS
WITH FAITH, LOVE AND CREATIVITY,**

that we might come out the other end

**EQUIPPED TO HANDLE WELL
THE COMPLEXITIES OF ANGER AND MERCY,**

for we pray this in the name of Jesus,
whom we remember, as together we say

**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 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.

The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Articles 3 and 5

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person. No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Reflection: A family member is tortured

Generally, sermons are posted on the sermon page of our website shortly after the service. Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door. A video version of this sermon is available from 10:00am today: <https://youtu.be/B6y11AdEZ5M>

The First Lesson: Exodus 20: 1-6

In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Reflection: Is God angry?

Anthem: Down in the River to pray
arr. Cheryl Lynn Helm (b. 1957)

The Second Lesson: Acts 3: 1-15

In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Reflection: The opposite of punishment

Hymn:

Corvedale

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)



1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice

which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

2. For the love of God is broader
than the grasp of mortal mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify God's strictness
with a zeal too greatly grown.
3. There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
we would take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-63)(alt.)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Norman Wilkins

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Called from a world that practises death
in cruel and unusual ways,
we hear the voice of the Christ
who heals and restores life.

**MAKE US, O GOD,
TO BE PEOPLE OF LIFE.**

May the food, money, and other things we bring,
serve your desire that mercy should prevail over judgment,
love over hatred, life over death.

MAY THIS OFFERING MAKE A GOOD DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD,

through Jesus Christ,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Württemberg

Hundert Arien, Dresden 1694



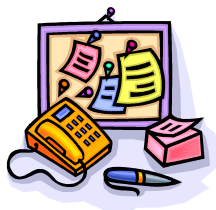
1. Songs of praise the angels sang;
heaven with hallelujahs rang,
when creation was begun,
when God spake, and it was done.
Alleluia!
2. Songs of praise awoke the morn
when the Prince of Peace was born;
songs of praise arose when he
captive led captivity.
Alleluia!
3. Heaven and earth must pass away,
songs of praise shall crown that day;
God will make new heavens, new earth,
songs of praise shall hail their birth.
Alleluia!
4. And shall we alone be dumb
till that glorious kingdom come?
No, the church delights to raise
psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
Alleluia!
5. Saints below, with heart and voice,
still in songs of praise rejoice;
learning here, by faith and love,
songs of praise to sing above.
Alleluia!

James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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



NOTICES

This Week: 14 June – 20 June
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Shalom
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 21 June – 27 June
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
12.00pm Lunch at Urban Eatery
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Shalom - Today at 11.30 am in the lounge Dr. Richard Milne will give a presentation and lead a discussion on “Resilience in the face of climate change and supply chain disruption.” All welcome.

Meditation: Wednesday 17 June at 8.00am in the chapel - All welcome.

Sunday lunch 21 June – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat after church at **Urban Eatery (Oderings, Barrington)**. We meet at around 12pm. Please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance. To confirm numbers with the venue it would be appreciated if names were in by Wednesday the 17th.

Bus Trip to Kaiapoi - Thursday 25 June: Meet at Knox by 10.30am to catch the #1 bus just around the corner in Victoria Street at 10.41am or pick up that bus anywhere along its route. Arrive in Kaiapoi at 11.15. Coffee/lunch at a cafe, have a short riverside walk, look at the shops, whatever suits you. Buses return to Christchurch at 10 minutes and 40 minutes past the hour. No need to book - just be there on the day. Remember your Gold Card for free travel!

Kitchen Roster – We love a volunteer - especially one who is willing to have their name placed on the kitchen roster. The job mainly involves taking a turn at washing the tea towels for the week. If you are keen please see Judith Hamilton / Helen Cannan or contact the office.

Knox Church values the support of all who are involved in our community’s life. Knox Church is a charity. All charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Bank account - 03 1705 0029641 00 (Knox Presbyterian Church). Put your name in the reference field and email your contact details to the office. For further information or options contact:

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Matariki at the Marae

2026



Free Community Event

Saturday 20 June 2026, 1pm-4pm

Rehua Marae, 79 Springfield Road, St Albans

Kapa haka performances, tukutuku panel making, poi making, weave your own whetu, weaving demonstrations, craft stalls

Nau mai haere mai



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Baroque Organ by Candlelight
Bach Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565
and other hidden gems of baroque music
Organ – Jeremy Woodside
Cello – Tomas Hurnik
Monday 29th of June 7pm

Back to Classic

Mozart's 270th Anniversary
Celebrating His Birth
Mozart Piano Trio in G major, KV 564
and other hidden gems of classical music
Piano – Gabriel Baird
Violin – Jonathan Tanner
Cello – Tomas Hurnik
Monday 21st of September 7pm

Back to Romantic

Piano Trios
Schubert Piano Trio no.2 E-flat major op.100
and other hidden gems of romantic music
Piano – Gabriel Baird
Violin – Jonathan Tanner
Cello – Tomas Hurnik
Monday 23rd of November 7pm

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Deuteronomy 24: 17-21
- Philippians 2:5-11, 3:20-21

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