



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service

18 October 2026

BUILDING A HOUSE OF LOVE

a service in Heritage Week

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.

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.

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, FLOODING THE WORLD WITH HIS LOVE OF GOD AND PEOPLE;
JESUS, BUILDING A HOUSE OF IMAGINATION AND FAITH;
JESUS, CALLING PEOPLE LIKE US TO BE PILGRIMS IN HOPE.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Monk's Gate

English traditional melody



1. We who would valiant be: let us not waver,
but in true constancy follow the Saviour.
There's no discouragement shall make us once relent
our first avowed intent to live as pilgrims.
2. Those who may us surround with dismal stories,
only themselves confound; our strength the more is.
No foes shall give us fright, ours is the one true Light;
we will make our right to live as pilgrims.
3. Since, Saviour, you defend us with your Spirit,
we know we at the end shall life inherit.
Cruel rumours, flee away! We'll fear not what they say;
we'll labour night and day to live as pilgrims.

John Bunyan (1628-1688), alt.

Prayer of Approach

The image is that of a valiant people,
immune to discouragement,
and focused on their goal.

**THE IMAGE IS THAT OF PILGRIMS
WHO NEVER RELENT THEIR FIRST INTENT
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

The image is that of people strong in faith,
and bold in vision.

**THE IMAGE IS THAT OF TRUE LIGHT,
SHINING IN THE NIGHT,
NO SKERRICK OF FRIGHT.**

Yet Christ was born into the world as a baby.
And the first great missionary project began with no purse,
no bag, no sandals.

GOD'S BEGINNINGS ARE OFTEN ALL QUITE FRAGILE.

So we meet you, our God,
not so much in power,
AS MUCH AS IN VULNERABILITY.

We meet you not in certainty,
BUT IN HOPE.

We meet you not with a package already achieved,
**BUT AN INVITATION
TO BUILD SOMETHING TOGETHER.**

Pause

As we stepped forward to work with you,
we brought both love
AND HATE,

both courage
AND FEAR,

both humility
AND ARROGANCE.

Ours is a heritage of grace,
BUT ALSO OF FALLING SHORT.

And so we 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:

God of grace and tender love,
in Heritage Week we gather beneath this wonderful roof,
beneath which years of blessing have proceeded.
We know how solid things fall,
and how spiritual things soar.

**GIVE US GRACE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF OUR HERITAGE,
BUT ALSO TO TRAVEL LIGHT THROUGH OUR TIMES.**

Make us good custodians of the fabric,
AND BOLD PILGRIMS OF THE LIVING WAY,

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

E TO MATOU MATUA I TE RANGI,

KIA TAPU TOU INGOA.
 KIA TAE MAI TOU RANGATIRATANGA.
 KIA MEATIA TAU E PAI AI
 KI RUNGA KI TE WHENUA
 KIA RITE ANO KI TO TE RANGI.
 HOMAI KI A MATOU AIANEI
 HE TARO MA MATOU MO TENEI RA.
 MURUA A MATOU HARA,
 ME MATOU HOKI E MURU NEI
 I O TE HUNGA E HARA ANA KI A MATOU.
 AUA HOKI MATOU E KAWEA KIA WHAKAWAIA;
 ENGARI WHAKAORANGIA MATOU I TE KINO:
 NOU HOKI TE RANGATIRATANGA,
 TE KAHA, ME TE KORORIA,
 AKE AKE AKE.
 AMINE.

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.

Hymn:

Bronwen

Ian Render (b. 1954)



1. Who is my mother?
 Who is my brother?
 All those who gather 'round Jesus Christ:
 Spirit-blown people
 born from the Gospel
 sit at the table, 'round Jesus Christ.
2. Differently abled,
 differently labelled
 widen the circle 'round Jesus Christ;
 crutches and stigmas,

cultures' enigmas
all come together 'round Jesus Christ.

3. Love will relate us -
colour or status
can't segregate us 'round Jesus Christ:
family failings,
human de-railings,
all find their places 'round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision,
met for one mission
we claim each other, 'round Jesus Christ.
Here is my mother,
here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, 'round Jesus Christ.

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

An Introduction: Time for the love to be offered

Generally, sermons and reflections 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/XV_dG8_Ow8

The First Lesson: Luke 10: 1-9

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Reflection: A local story

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

In this is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Short Reflection: House and contents of gladness

Anthem: I was glad
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they

shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

- Psalm 122

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Love begins tenderly;
ITS POWER IS STEALTHY.

The offering is small,
BUT IT WILL IMPROVE THE WORLD.

Bless what is offered, O God,
**FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE HONOUR OF YOUR NAME.
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Laudate Dominum

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. You servants of God,
your Sovereign proclaim,
and publish abroad
that wonderful name;
the name all-victorious
of Jesus extol;
who, sovereign and glorious,
now rules over all.
2. From worship we go
God's call in our ears
to value, protect
and tend to the tears
of all who are needing
our care and our love,

so drawing the humble
to healing above.

3. God, bless us with minds
to comprehend grace,
that we might serve well,
in this time and place,
that every action
we do through the week
bring Jesus' compassion,
from your values speak.
4. Then let us adore,
and render God's right,
all glory and power,
all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing
with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing,
and infinite love.
Amen, amen!

*v.v. 1 & 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
v.v. 2 & 3, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: Toccata from Symphony no. 5
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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NOTICES

This Week: 18 October – 24 October

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study
Friday	7.00pm	Knox Cabaret (6pm potluck dinner in Hall)

Next Week: 25 October – 31 October

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Meditation - in the Chapel at 8am on Wednesday 21 October. Look forward to seeing you there.

Pillars - For the first three Sundays of November we will be collecting Christmas treats and gifts for Pillars, as we have done for many years now. Pillars is an organisation which supports the families of people in prison. They greatly appreciate our donations of Christmas gifts and food which are distributed to their families in the festive season. They currently work with children between the ages of 0-17. We hope you find the following suggestions for gift ideas helpful:

- Toiletries for teenage boys and girls
- Card games
- Board games
- Outdoor toys/games.

Please note, that with many people struggling financially, we will also continue collecting our regular food donations for Te Whare Roimata. Thank you for your support of both these organisations and the needy people they serve.

Shalom - Shalom had a vigorous evidence-based discussion on tax policy last Sunday, led by Brian Turner. After the church service next Sunday, we plan to broaden the discussion to other aspects of policies proposed by the main political parties. All welcome.

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: office@knoxchurch.co.nz ph: 379 2456.



The **Canterbury Interfaith Society** warmly invites you, your family and friends to join us for our annual **Prayer for World Peace** gathering.

Event details

 **Sunday, 18 October**

 **2.00 pm onwards**

 **World Peace Bell, Christchurch Botanic Gardens**

This gathering brings together people from different faiths, beliefs and communities to share prayers and reflections for peace. Please feel free to share this invitation with your **family, friends and members of your community**. Everyone is very welcome.

Following the prayers, **light refreshments will be served**, giving us an opportunity to stay, meet one another and have a chat.

We hope you can join us as we come together across our different faiths, beliefs and communities with a shared hope for **peace, understanding and goodwill**.

Please also be aware that **videography will take place during the event**.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
- 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

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