



Knox United Church

March 28, 2021

Passion / Palm Sunday

We invite you to follow carefully all of the regulations for in-person worship during this time.

Swagatam, Tansi, Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

Knox United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

As we join together in worship we acknowledge that we live on Turtle Island, land that creator brought out of the waters so all could have life. Turtle island is the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis Nation.

Gathering Together in Song:

O Let the Power Fall On Me (MV13)

O let the power fall on me, my Lord

Let the power fall on me.

O let the power from heaven fall on me

Let the power fall on me.

For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord

We want justice and truth and love,

For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord.

We want justice and truth and love

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus [x3]

No turning back, no turning back.

Though I may wonder, I still will follow [x3]

No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me [x3]

No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow [x3]
No turning back, no turning back
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus
No turning back, no turning back
Yeshu ko pachhi ma hidna lagey [x3]
Farka dina, farka dina

Welcome and Community News

Opening Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11 Arrival in Jerusalem

Two Parades That Day

Prayer of Approach

One: Before we live into the irony of these two parades,
Let us pray together, re-membering our relationship in God:

**All: Living, loving God, we need a parade right about now.
We need a reason to celebrate, to throw off the chains of our
confinement, to let loose and have a party, to feel fully human in the
company of others. In our new and lengthening reality, show us we are
never alone, breathe into us the life, the colour, the sound and the
connection for which we long.
Open our hearts to one another across the distance,
uniting us in your love and by your transformation as we sing. Amen.**

Sing Hosanna to the King (Children's Palm Parade – waving palms in our seats)

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King

Passing of Peace

Lord's Prayer (all languages welcome and spoken)

Music Ministry: (time for meditative reflection)

Two Parades in Jerusalem

VU 126 Ride On, Ride On, The Time Is Right (verse 1 only)

1. Ride on, ride on, the time is right:
the road side crowds scream with delight,
palm branches mark the pilgrim way
where beggars squat and children play.

Clothing Makes the Person

VU 126 Ride On, Ride On, The Time Is Right (verse 2 only)

2. Ride on, ride on, your critics wait,
intrigue and rumour circulate,
new lies abound in word and jest,
and truth becomes a suspect guest.

Assurance of Grace

VU 126 Ride On, Ride On, The Time Is Right (verse 3 only)

3. Ride on, ride on, while well aware
that those who shout and wave and stare
are mortals who, with common breath,
can crave for life and lust for death.

Prayer of Confession

VU 126 Ride On, Ride On, The Time Is Right (verse 4 only)

4. Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears,
though voice less now and deaf to jeers.
Your path is clear, though few can tell
their garments pave the road to hell.

Only One Parade?

VU 126 Ride On, Ride On, The Time Is Right (verse 5 only)

5. Ride on, ride on, God's love demands.
Justice and peace lie in your hands.
Evil and angel voices rhyme:
You are the man and this the time.

This Parade Did Not Start This Day

God Speaks To Us In Word

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-46 Jesus Goes to Pray

Song: Glory to You, My God #440 Voices United (verse 5 only)

5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
in heaven above and earth below,
one God, three persons we adore
be praises given for evermore.

Scripture: Matthew 26:47-56 Judas Arrives

Offering / Offertory Prayer:

While there are two parades, loving God, we choose the one Jesus led. Unlike the 30 pieces of silver buying power over others, bless us and what we give as our discipleship of self-giving. We pray this in the name of the one who led with humility and with love. Amen.

Song: VU 135 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand:
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me,
and from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess,
the wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place,
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

Community Prayer

Just as Jesus gathered around him disciples – a community of believers – so, too, we take the time to lift up those in our family of faith, as well as in the wider community and around the world.

Hear, O God, our silent prayers for healing, for hope, for transformation:

(Silent Prayer)

Song: MV 205 Great Amen

Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
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Commissioning

Song: MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body, given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

***The Service today was adapted from "Two Parades: Palm/Passion Sunday written by Gord Dunbar of Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont.*

Please keep in your prayers ...

Please remember in prayer,

Raymond, Israel, Elaina and extended family on the death of Raymond's mother in Chad – Raymond will be travelling in the next weeks so we will continue to hold him in prayer as he makes this difficult journey;

Collette, Troy, Vanessa and family upon the death of Collette's sister Bertha and as they continue to struggle with the health effects of Covid and the damage of past traumas

Esmer's daughter-in-law, Nika that she be granted a visa very soon to come to Winnipeg.

For those effected by the mass shootings in the United States of the past weeks; let us continue to pray for a healing way forward in the struggle against racial discrimination and injustice.

For all people near and far as we experience the grief and loss brought about by the Pandemic and as we, ourselves, continue to faithfully meet the challenges of the restrictions and the process of vaccination. We pray for all in need because of the unknowns of this Pandemic: economic, health, workplace, school and future planning.

On the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week, our thoughts and prayers are for the people of the United States during this time of violent disruptions to the democratic system and for Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and The congregations of Gordon King Memorial United Church and Grey Street United Church.

Please contact the church office if you know of anyone who is in need of a pastoral visit or prayer or a card.

UPCOMING SERVICES

- **Good Friday Service**, April 2nd at 10:30 am - This service will be **by Zoom Only!** Please join us.

You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Good Friday Zoom Link

Time: Apr 2, 2021 10:30 AM Winnipeg

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82070541386?pwd=eHIUbTcxTUJlQ2pVTm1ZNjJvQ042Zz09>

Meeting ID: 820 7054 1386

Passcode: 911240

- **Easter Service** - Sunday, April 4th at 10: 30 am
Hybrid in-person Zoom service - We hope to see you either here at Knox or on the Zoom!

Covid Rules for In-Person Worship

Enter at 400 Edmonton St (*Door facing Central Park*)

Exit – Door out to the back lane (**Yellow Door**)

Facemask Required At All Times. (Available at Screening Desk)

Use **Sanitizer** upon entering.

Temperature reading over **38** degrees Celsius must go home or call Health Links
@ **204-788-8200**

A **Two-Meter** space must be maintained between people during worship and all other gatherings including the hallways, entrances and exits.

No Handshaking or Hugging

No Singing as a group

Washrooms are restricted to one person at a time.