

Knox United Church April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

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:

This Is the Day

This is the day [x2] That the Lord has made [x2] We will rejoice [x2] And be glad in it [x2] This is the day that the Lord has made We will rejoice and be glad in it This is the day [x2] That the Lord has made.

Aja ko din, Aja ko din, Unle sree je ka, Unle sree je ka, Romaundai jaun Khushee manow Ra ananda Garoun, Ra ananda Garoun, Aja ko din Unle sree je ka Romanundai jaun Khushee manow Aja ko din, Aja ko din Unle sree je ka Hamba Nathi

- Zulu Hamba nathi Mkhululi wethu x4 Mkhululi, Mkhululi,Mkhululi wethu x4
- English You are holy, you show us the way x4 You show us, you show us, you show us the way x4
- Tagalog Banal ka ipakita ang daan x4 Ipakita, ipakita ang daan x4
- Nepali Hamro yatra lamo lamo chha x4 Lamo chha, lamo chha, lamo lamo chha x4

Welcome and Community News

Song: MV51 Yahweh Be Praised Yahweh be praised in the heavens Yahweh be praised in the streets Yahweh be praised with our singing when in worship we meet. Yahweh be praised (x8)

Call to Worship:

One: Defeater of death! All: Christ is risen! One: Creator of community! All: Christ is risen! One: Way of hope! All: Christ is risen! One: Promise of wholeness! All: Christ is risen! One: Christ is risen! All: Christ is risen!

Singing: VU #155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah! our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!

who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah! suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah! unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah! who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah! sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

3. But the pains which he endured, hallelujah! our salvation have procured, hallelujah! now above the sky he's king, hallelujah! where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah! praise eternal as God's love, hallelujah! praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah! praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Passing the Peace

Children's Time: Empty Tombs

Lord's Prayer (all languages welcome and spoken)

English 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.)

Nepali

हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा हुनुहुन्छ, तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्। तपाईंको राज्य आओस्। तपाईंको राज्य आओस्। तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ, त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्। हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्। हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गर्नुहोस्, जसरी हामीले आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं। हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्, तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस् किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंके हन, आमेन।'

Music Ministry: (Time for quiet reflection)

Scripture: John 20: 1-18 (Read in Nepali and English)

Reflection: Resurrection Moments

Singing: VU161 "Welcome Happy Morning"

1. Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say, hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today: come then, true and faithful, now fulfil your word, this is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!

2. Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring, greets with life reviving our returning king: flowers in every pasture, leaves on every bough, speak of sorrows ended, Jesus triumphs now!

 Author and sustainer, source of life and breath, You for our salvation trod the path of death: Jesus Christ is living, God for evermore! Now let all creation hail him and adore.

4. Loose our souls imprisoned bound with Satan's chain all that now is fallen, raise to life again! Show your face in brightness, shine the whole world through, hope returns with daybreak, life returns with you.

Refrain Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say. hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!

Offering / Offering Prayer

Offering Song: VU #575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm gonna live so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime, I'm gonna live so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime. I'm gonna work so.... I'm gonna pray so.... I'm gonna sing so ... I'm gonna love so ... I'm gonna give so ... I'm gonna praise so ... I'm gonna live so ...

Community Prayer

Singing: VU #173 "Thine Is the Glory"

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Blessing

Singing: VU #884 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace The mountains and the hills will break forth before you There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands And all the trees of the field will clap their hands xx The trees of the field will clap their hands xx The trees of the field will clap their hands While you go out with joy.

Please keep in your prayers ...

Please remember in prayer,

Dave Sveinson currently in hospital and partner, Shena Kerr that they might know the strength and presence of God at this time.

Shena's grandson who was born with a number of medical conditions.

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 violence in the United States and North Vancouver 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

• 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!

The Board of Knox United Church has made the decision to have a trial return to In-Person Worship. Following the Easter Sunday Service, the Board will evaluate the experience and make further decisions regarding In-Person Worship or return to our YouTube Channel.

For those who can not return to in-person worship at this time, we will attempt to Live Zoom the service. Zoom Link included above. This too is experimental so please extend your grace as we test this hybrid option.

Announcements/Community News:

 Long Weekend Church Building Closure - Knox United Church will be closed over the Easter weekend and church office will re-open for regular business hours on Tuesday, April 6th. We wish everyone a Safe and Happy Easter Weekend!



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.

