

Knox United Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Ordinary Time
October 16, 2022

Go where your best prayers take you.
--Frederick Buechner

BECOMING PRESENT

Prelude: "Toccata", J.P. Sweelinck

Welcome

Candle Lighting

Introit: "Open Our Hearts" MV 21

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you, O loving God. *(repeat)*

Open our hearts. *(last time)*

Invitation to Worship (One/All)

Let us open our lives to the Author of life,
whose torah is written on our hearts.

**We come to celebrate a covenant made new,
gift of forgiveness and reconciliation.**

Let us welcome the Spirit in our midst,
inspiring us to persistence in prayer and in action.

**We come to praise the Holy One: sacred mystery,
compassionate justice, faithful love.**

Gathering Prayer (All)

Fierce and tender Lover, the word you write on our hearts calls us to live your justice in this world. In our worship and our work, in our prayer and in our praise, may our fears and uncertainties, our apathy and indifference, be transformed into faith-filled and faithful living.

Inspire us to speak out when others are silenced, and to listen while they find their voice. Teach us persistence in proclamation, in prayer, and in possibility, that we may live in your reign of shalom even as we wait for its fulfillment. Amen.

Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" MV 1 (*verses 1, 2, 4, and 5*)

ATTENDING TO THE SPIRIT

Whether you take what is written in the Bible as fact, metaphor, myth, or story--listen to these words for the meaning they hold for you today.

A Reading from the Prophets: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 18: 1-8

Meditative Music: "Autumn" from The Four Seasons,
Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Betty Roe

Reflecting on the Reading

Anthem: "Teach Me, O Lord"

Words: J. Paul Williams; Music: Douglas Nolan

WIDENING THE CIRCLE

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern:

The Rev. Sharon Copeman

Disciples' Prayer (All): VU 916, A Paraphrase

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Hymn: "Grateful" MV 182 (*verse 2 and chorus*)

Offering Prayer (All):

Giver of life and source of love, we offer our lives and our gifts. May we be persistent in prayer, and faithful to your covenant with us, that we may see in the world around us the possibilities and opportunities you set before us to bring justice and joy to all. Amen.

Hymn: "May the God of Hope Go with Us" VU 424

Commissioning and Benediction

Benediction Response: “Sing Amen” VU 431

(Sing amen:) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

(Sing amen:) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

(Sing amen:) **Amen, amen, amen, amen,**

amen, we praise your name, O God. *(repeat whole song)*

Postlude: “Fuga in C Major”, Johann Pachelbel

Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Janice Guthrie

Scripture Reader: Mary Graham

Prayers: The Rev. Sharon Copeman

Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Ministry of Music: Knox Church Choir

Ushers/Greeters: June Holland, John Carr, Dave Cass

Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong

Power Point Preparation: Anne MacKenna

Webminder: Debra Danny

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Land Acknowledgment:

We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the
x_wm_əθk_wəy'əm__(Musqueam), S_kw_x_wú7mesh (Squamish), and
Sel'il_witulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared for
this land and look forward to relating with them as covenant people
of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness."

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Before the service begins at 10:30 a.m. today:

- Go to the [KnoxVan.com](https://knoxvan.com) website. The live-stream feed of the weekly service is at the top center of the page.
- Click on the Red Arrow to start viewing the live feed.
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- All the standard YouTube type controls work to pause, expand to full screen, and increase/reduce the audio.

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