

Knox United Church
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Ordinary Time
Celebrating All Saints' Day
October 30, 2022

I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner
who keeps on trying.
—Nelson Mandela

BECOMING PRESENT

Prelude: “Meditation on St. Anne”, (O God, Our Help in Ages Past),
David Lasky

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)

We come to remember the past, to engage the present,
to envision God’s future.

**We come to hear a word of life and grace, to seek the ways of peace
and justice.**

We come as we are, poor and rich, wise and foolish, sinner and saint.

We come to offer our lives and our gifts for the healing work of love.

Gathering Prayer (All)

Infinite Grace, unbounded Wisdom, we gather in response to the
stirring of your Spirit within us, the invitation to live as your saints in
and for this world. You challenge us to embody justice and
compassion in a world of violence, indifference, apathy, and greed.

We come seeking the wisdom and courage to live as those you have
created us to be, following in the way of Jesus Christ and the great
cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. Through our lives and
our living, may the possibilities of your love be made visible in this
world. Amen.

Hymn: “The House of our God” Verses 1,3,4 (*See insert*)

Celebrating Our Saints (One/All)

Who are God’s saints?

Those through whom God’s light shines.

Who are God’s saints?

Those through whom God’s love lives.

Who are God’s saints?

Those through whom God’s peace flows.

Who are God’s saints?

All who live in God’s love are God’s saints!

Saints of God at Knox United Church, let us consider who we are, and
whose we are as we remember and give thanks for the saints who have
departed this life during the past year.

(Candles commemorating our saints are lit.)

Anthem: “Amazing Grace/Pachelbel’s Canon”

John Newton; Johann Pachelbel. Arr.: Jean Anne Shafferman

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 Gospels: Luke 19: 1-10

Reflecting on the Reading

Meditative Music: “Prière”, Denis Bédard

WIDENING THE CIRCLE

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern:

The Rev. Sharon Copeman

Disciples' Prayer (from *Songs for a Gospel People*)

(Cantor sings phrase, congregation repeats phrase, throughout prayer)

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 forever.
Amen.

Offering Our Gifts

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

Offering Prayer (All):

Source of all, you bless us with the gifts of your life and love and presence, with opportunities and possibilities beyond our wildest imagining. Now we dedicate ourselves and our resources to your transforming work of merciful justice and wise compassion. Amen.

Hymn: "For the Faithful Who Have Answered" VU 707

Commissioning and Benediction

Benediction Response "Sing Amen" VU 431

(Asithi:) **Amen, siyakudumisa.**

(Asithi:) **Amen, siyakudumisa.**

(Asithi:) **Amen, Baba, amen, Baba,
amen, siyakudumisa.**

(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.**

Postlude: "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done", J. Wayne Kerr

Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Janice Guthrie

Scripture Reader: Richard Dunsterville

Prayers: The Rev. Sharon Copeman

Cantor: Kimberly Cheong

Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Ministry of Music: Knox Church Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Sandra Trueman, Ed Williams

Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong

Power Point Preparation: Anne MacKenna

Webminder: Debra Danny

+++

Land Acknowledgment:

We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the
x_ʷm_əθk_ʷəy_əmə_ (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.

+++



KNOX UNITED CHURCH

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."

Copyright Information

“The house of our God”, Words and music: Jim Manley; Arr.: Kristin Anderson; Words and music copyright © 1989 by Jim Manley. All rights reserved.

“For the Faithful Who Have Answered”, Words: Sylvia Dunstan 1986; Words copyright © 1991 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.; Tune: OMNI DIE, by Trier Gesangbuch 1695, **Public Domain**.

“Open Our Hearts”, Words and music: Jim Strathdee. Words and music copyright © Jim and Jean Strathdee (Desert Flower Music). All Rights Reserved.

“Sing Amen”, Words: S.C. Molefe 1977; Music: S.C. Molefe 1977; Arr.: Dave Dargie 1977; Words and music copyright © 1991 Lumko Institute. All Rights Reserved

“Grateful”, Words and music: Tom Tomaszek, 2003; arr. Sarah Hart and Tom Tomaszek, 2003. Words and music copyright © 2003. Tom Tomaszek. Published by spiritandsong.com. All rights reserved.

“The Lord’s Prayer”, Setting: Darryl Nixon, 1987. Copyright © SFAGP, 1987. W: International Committee on English in the Liturgy, 1986. All Rights Reserved.

“Amazing Grace/Pachelbel’s Canon”, Traditional Folk Hymn and Canon in D, by Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706). Arr.: Jean Anne Shafferman; Copyright © 1997 by Alfred Publishing Co., Inc. All rights reserved.

“Meditation on St. Anne”, David Lasky, from **Partita on St. Anne**, H.W. Gray Publications, 1996

“Prière”, Denis Bédard, Quatre Pièces en forme de Messe, Éditions Cheldar, 1993, used with permission of the composer

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”, tune Victory from Palestrina, J. Wayne Kerr, Christ is Alive! Hymn Preludes for Organ J. Wayne Kerr, Augsburg Fortress 1998

Permission to print/stream/podcast the music in this service obtained from OneLicense with license #A-724418.

