

## KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 12, 2023 (10:30 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

**Prelude:** "Little Partita on Old Hundredth"

David Lasky

#### Welcoming & Candle Lighting

#### Responsive Call to Worship

How blessed are we when we meditate on God's teachings,  
and when we desire God with our whole hearts.

Let us praise God with attentive minds and eager spirits,  
for we are God's servants, working and praying together.

So let us worship God and praise God's holy name.

Let us seek God's path and listen for God's call.

♪↑ **Hymn:** "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

VU 516

#### Prayer of Adoration

**Prayer of Confession** (together)

Holy God,

You call us to choose life and walk in your ways,

but we are tempted by short cuts and easy solutions.

You ask us to turn from anger and settle our differences,

but we cling to grievances and point fingers at others.

You ask us to be true to our word, but we prefer to keep  
everyone happy.

Forgive us, O God.

Give us courage to follow the paths you set for your people.

#### Assurance of Pardon

♪+ **Hymn:** "A Farmer In a Field"

(Tune: ST THOMAS, VU 715)

words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

A farmer in a field sowed good and healthy seeds.

but in the cover of the night, somebody planted weeds.

The wheat grew tall and strong, but thistles flourished, too.

The workers saw the mix of them and wondered what to do.

The farmer wisely said, "They'll grow as one today,

but when we harvest all the wheat, we'll throw the weeds away."

O Lord, we want to know why evil prospers here —

why, next to love and justice, grow such hatred, pride and fear.

God, may we humbly see the harvest still is yours;

and one day we'll be blessed to find that love is what endures.

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:24-30, the Parable of wheat and weeds

**Solo:** "This We Pray"

Words and music: Jay Althouse

#### Sermon: A Field of Wheat and Weeds

**Devotional Music:** "Sanctus et Recit"

François Couperin

♪↑ **Offering Hymn:** "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New" MV 115

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,**

**beginning with you and starting from today.**

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,**

**my promise is true, for I am Christ the way. (repeat)**

#### Offering Prayer

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**The Lord's Prayer** (VU p. 914)

**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.**

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Love Divine”

VU 333

### **Commissioning and Benediction**

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** “God Says” (*verse 4 only*)

MV 172

**God says, “Reach out! The world’s in need  
and wants a word, a song, a deed.  
I send you forth to speak, to sing,  
to act for Christ in everything.**

**Postlude:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”, (Lobe den Herren)

J.G. Walther

### **Worship Leaders:**

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Richard Chung

Scripture Reader: Bruce Herzer

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter

Soloist: Kimberly Cheong

Ministry of Music: Knox Church Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Dave Cass, Phil and Marg King

Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong

Power Point Preparation: Anne MacKenna

Webminder: Debra Danny

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**February 12:** Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

**Text:** Matthew 13:24-30, the Parable of wheat and weeds

**Title:** A Field of Wheat and Weeds

**Synopsis:** Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is like a field of wheat and weeds." What's your field of life like?

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Land Acknowledgment:

We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the x̱w̱m̱əθḵw̱əy̱'əm̱ (Musqueam), S̱kw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), and Seḻ'iḻ'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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### **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."

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