

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 2023 (10:30 am)

♫↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♫+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: "Amazing Grace"

David Cherwien

Welcoming & Candle Lighting

Responsive Call to Worship

O God, you are a hiding place for us;

you preserve us from trouble.

Let the faithful offer prayer and praise to God,

for in times of distress, God is with us.

The Lord will teach us the way we should go;

God's steadfast love always surrounds us.

So let us be glad in the Lord and rejoice in worship!

We will sing for joy with psalms of praise.

♫↑ **Hymn:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

VU 288

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (together)

God our Creator and Companion,

you created us to be your partners in creation,

but we confess we're not happy being partners.

We prefer to have our own way.

We like to manage the world without your guidance.

We are often tempted to satisfy our own desires,

without counting the cost to others,

or to the earth itself.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon

♫+ **Hymn:** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

VU 364

Scripture: Matthew 18: 21-35, Parable of the unforgiving servant

Anthem: "Angels Unaware"

Words and Music: Pepper Choplin

... Lyrics inspired by Hebrews 13: 1-2; "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Sermon: Forgive Always

Devotional Music: "Organum"

Denis Bédard

♫↑ **Offering Hymn:** "When We Are Living" (verse 2)

VU 581

Through all our living, we are fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving,

we belong to God, we belong to God.

Offering Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

♫+ **The Lord's Prayer** (sung)

VU 960

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 them that 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,

forever and ever. Amen.

♪↑ **Hymn:** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” VU 271

Commissioning and Benediction

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** “Throughout These Lenten Days
and Nights” (verse 1) VU 108

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

Postlude: “Trumpet Minuet” Jeremiah Clarke
“Processional” Henry Purcell

Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Richard Chung
Scripture Reader: Mary-Ellen Flynn
Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter
Organist: Madelene Klassen
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir
Ushers/Greeters: Mardi Read, Sandra Trueman, Dave Cass
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Text: Matthew 18: 21-35, Parable of unforgiving servant

Title: Forgive Always

Synopsis: Jesus said forgive seventy times seven. In other words, we are to forgive always. If we forgive, we can live in harmony with others and ourselves.

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and Sel'íl_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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