

## KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023 (10:30 am)

♫↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♫+ Remain seated to sing

**Prelude:** "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Robert J. Powell

#### Welcoming & Candle Lighting

#### Responsive Call to Worship

Into life's challenges and questions comes the Mystery of God,

**and God's truth opens our eyes.**

Into our routines and rituals walks the presence of Christ,

**and God's love brings healing and hope.**

Into our traditions and conclusions blows the wind of the Spirit,

**and God's people are born from above.**

We gather in Jesus' name to encounter God's grace and glory.

**Let us worship God with open hearts and minds.**

♫↑ **Hymn:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

VU 264

#### Prayer of Adoration

**Prayer of Confession** (together)

**God of mystery and mercy,**

**we confess that we prefer simple certainty to seeking for  
deeper understanding.**

**We settle for what we know, ignoring our doubts and questions.**

**Forgive us when our faith falters because what we think no  
longer satisfies.**

**Open our eyes to the truth you hold out to us in Christ, and give us  
courage to rethink what we have assumed about you and your  
love for the world.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

♫+ **Hymn:** "Lord, Have Mercy" (Kyrie Eleison)

VU 945

**Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. (repeat)**

**Scripture:** Matthew 20:1-16, Parable of laborers in the vineyard

**Anthem:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" Words and Arr. John Helgen  
Based on Break Bread Together

**Sermon:** Treat Everyone Generously

♫↑ **Communion Hymn:** "As We Gather at Your Table"

VU 457

#### Offering Prayer

#### Communion

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Thanks, and praise be to you, O God, --- Therefore, we join your long  
procession of pilgrims, praising you along the way:

♫+ **Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" (verse 4)

VU 315

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name  
in earth and sky and sea;**

**holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, --- With this bread and this cup  
we proclaim the mystery or our faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God, --- in your holy Church, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

**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.**

**Distribution**

**Devotional Music: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (Finest Wheat)"**  
Charles Callahan

♪↑ **Hymn: "We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)"** VU595

**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: "Voluntary in B Flat"** Jonathan Battishill

**Worship Leaders:**

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Richard Chung  
Scripture Reader: Susan McAlpine  
Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter  
Organist: Madelene Klassen  
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir  
Ushers/Greeters: Marg Derksen, Dave Cass  
Communion Servers: Catherine Shen, Helena Ho, Phil King and  
Sandra Trueman  
Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong  
Webminder: Debra Danny

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**March 5 (Communion): Second Sunday in Lent**

**Text:** Matthew 20:1-16, Parable of laborers in the vineyard

**Title:** Treat Everyone Generously

**Synopsis:** God's kingdom is like a Vineyard owner who calls the laborers to work in his vineyard and pays the same wages to all, despite their circumstances. We are called to proclaim God's goodness and generosity to all.

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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'íl\_witlh (Tsilil-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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