

# KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2023 (10:30 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

**Prelude:** "I Wonder as I Wander"

David Lasky

### Welcoming & Candle Lighting

### Responsive Call to Worship

The Lord is our Shepherd.

**God leads us by still waters.**

Christ restores our souls.

**The Spirit leads us in right paths.**

Let us worship God who is always with us.

**We will praise our God, trusting in God's goodness and mercy!**

♪↑ **Hymn:** Psalm 23: "The Lord's My Shepherd"

VU 747

### Prayer of Adoration

### Prayer of Confession (together)

God of life and love,

these days we confess that events around us shake our trust  
in your love.

When terror strikes and innocents fall, we wonder if love can  
defeat violence.

When truth is twisted by misleading claims,  
we wonder if love can prevail over lies.

When we face trouble, we wonder if you love us at all.

Forgive us, God, when we lose our trust in your love.

### Assurance of Pardon

♪+ **Hymn:** "Kyrie"

VU 946

Kyrie eleison,  
kyrie eleison,  
kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.

**Scripture:** Matthew 25: 14-30, Parable of the Talents

**Anthem:** "Make This Church a Welcome Place"

Words: J. Paul Williams

Music: Joel Raney

**Sermon:** Account for Your Life

**Devotional Music:** "Petite Fleur"

Denis Bédard

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

VU 581

Through all our living, we our 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: "Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move"** VU 394

### **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: "Dialogue"** Jean-Francois Dandrieu

### **Worship Leaders:**

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Richard Chung  
Scripture Reader: Philip King  
Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter  
Organist: Madelene Klassen  
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir  
Ushers/Greeters: Marnie Thompson, Dave Cass  
Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong  
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'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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### **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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### **March 19: Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Text:** Matthew 25: 14-30, Parable of the Talents

**Title:** Account for Your Life

**Synopsis:** Jesus' return with the glory is like a master who returns after a journey and calls his servants to account for the property he has entrusted to each of them according to their ability. God has given us talents according to our abilities. We are to use our talents to increase God's kingdom.

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