

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
April 23, 2023 (10:30 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: "Amazing Grace"

David Cherwien

Welcoming

Christ Candle Lighting Sentence:

We light the Christ candle, remembering that Jesus is the light of the world. May this light guide us as we seek to understand and embrace God's boundless vision for all people.

Responsive Call to Worship

In the love of the risen Christ,

We come to worship the God who welcomes all.

With open hearts and minds,

We seek to understand God's boundless vision.

As Peter's assumptions were challenged,

Challenge our assumptions and help us grow in faith.

♪↑ **Hymn: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

VU 165

Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, we stand in awe of your boundless love and grace. You call us to see beyond our own understanding and to embrace your radical vision for the world. You challenge our assumptions and invite us into the fullness of your love. We adore you, God of all creation.

Prayer of Confession (together)

Forgive us, O Lord, for the times we have failed to see the fullness of your love. We confess that we have clung to our own assumptions and excluded others from your grace. Teach us to break down barriers and to recognize the worthiness of all people in your eyes.

♪↑ **Hymn: "Kyrie"**

VU 946

Kyrie eleison,
kyrie eleison,
kyrie eleison.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved in Christ, hear the good news: Through the love of Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live as people who embody God's boundless vision and grace. **Amen!**

♪+ **Hymn: "The Glory of Our King"**

VU 162

Scripture: Acts 10:1-16, Peter's Vision

Duet: "Easter Carol"

Words adapted by Jean Anne Shafferman
Arr.: Patti Drennan

Sermon: "Eat It": Embracing God's Boundless Vision

Devotional Music: "Elevation"

Marius Monnikendam

♪↑ **Offering Hymn: For the Gift of Creation**

VU 538

For the gift of creation,
the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit
by which we live,
we thank you and give you
the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be pro-claimed
by the gifts that we give.

Dedication of Offering (*together*)

We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to You, O God. We trust that You will guide us and use our gifts for the greater good. Bless our endeavors and help us to be instruments of Your love, peace, and justice in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*together*)

VU 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:** "Though Ancient Walls" (*verses 1, 3, 5 only*)

VU 691

Commissioning and Benediction

🎵↑ **Benediction Response:** "Halle, Halle, Halle"

VU 958

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!
Halle, halle, halle - lujah!
Halle, halle, halle - lujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (*3 times*)

Postlude: "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

J. Wayne Kerr

Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Richard Chung
Scripture Reader: Richard Dunsterville
Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter
Organist: Madelene Klassen
Duet: Kimberly Cheong, Lana Whyte
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir
Ushers/Greeters: Chris Lay, Dave Cass
Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong
Webminder: Debra Danny

April 23, 2023; Second Sunday of Easter

Title: "Eat It": Embracing God's Boundless Vision

Text: Acts 10:1-16, Peter's Vision

Synopsis: Peter's vision of the sheet filled with unclean animals challenged his assumptions about who was worthy of God's grace. We, too, are called to expand our understanding of God's radical love and break down the barriers that divide us.

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Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness.

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