

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 30, 2023 (10:30 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Dale Wood

Welcoming

Christ Candle Lighting

We light the Christ candle to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world, who leads us forward with hope and purpose. May this light guide us as we journey together in faith, embracing the future that God has prepared for us.

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: With our eyes fixed on the future,

People: We release the past and embrace God's call.

Leader: Together in faith,

People: We move forward in Christ.

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring”

VU 328

Prayer of Adoration

God of hope and purpose, we adore you for your never-ending love and mercy that invite us to new beginnings. You call us to a greater purpose, and you equip us to press on toward the goal set before us. We are grateful for your guidance and for the strength we find in the risen Christ.

Prayer of Confession *(together)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have often held onto our past mistakes, burdened by guilt and shame. Forgive us for the times when we have failed to trust in your mercy and grace. Help us to let go of what lies behind and to embrace the future with hope and purpose.

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Kyrie”

VU 946

Kyrie eleison,
kyrie eleison,
kyrie eleison.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beloved in Christ, hear the good news: Through the love of Christ, we are forgiven and set free to move forward in hope and purpose. May we live as a people who embody God's grace and mercy. **People:** Amen.

♪+ **Hymn:** “Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New”

MV 115

Scripture: Philippians 3:13-14

Anthem: “Lord of Life”

Words: J. Paul Williams
Music: James M. Stevens

Sermon: “Run Unceasingly”: Moving Forward in Christ

Meditative Music: “Moderato”

Leon Boellmann

♪↑ **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*)

God of hope and purpose, we dedicate these gifts and ourselves to your service. May they be used to further your kingdom and reflect your love to all. 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: "Draw the Circle Wide"

MV 145

Commissioning and Benediction

Leader: Go forth, empowered by the risen Christ, to let go of the past and move forward with hope and purpose. May you be guided and strengthened by the God of new beginnings in all that you do. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

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

VU 958

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

Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Richard Chung
Artist: Tracy-Lynn Chernaske
Scripture Reader: Joanne Melville
Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter
Organist: Madelene Klassen
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir
Ushers/Greeters: Catherine Shen, Sharon Bliss
Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong
Webminder: Debra Danny

April 30, 2023

Title: "Run Unceasingly": Moving Forward in Christ

Text: Philippians 3:13-14

Synopsis: Paul's words remind us to let go of past mistakes and focus on the future with hope and purpose. We can find strength and motivation in the knowledge that we are called to a greater purpose by God.

Postlude: "Fanfare Postlude"

Douglas E. Wagner

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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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