

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 21, 2023 (10:30 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able ♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: “Aurelia” (The Church’s One Foundation) Charles Callahan

Welcoming

Christ Candle Lighting

As we light the Christ Candle, let us remember that Christ's light shines within each of us, guiding us on our journey toward holiness and transformation.

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to be holy and transformed.

People: We come to celebrate the new life we have in Christ, and to learn how to reflect God's love and grace in our lives.

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Spirit, Open My Heart” MV 79

Prayer of Adoration

Leader: God of transformation, we stand in awe of Your power to change our hearts and lives. You call us to leave behind our old ways and to embrace the new life that is found in Christ. As we gather in Your presence, open our hearts to the wonder of Your love and grace.

People: Amen.

Prayer of Confession *(together)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived lives that reflect Your holiness. We have clung to our old ways, resisting the transformation You offer us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in the way of holiness. Amen.

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie Eleison)” VU 945

Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. (repeat 3 times)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live lives that reflect God's love and grace.

People: Thanks be to God!

♪+ **Hymn:** “Spirit of the Living God” VU 376

Scripture: Romans 6:1-14

Anthem: “Let Thy Holy Presence” Pavel Tchesnokov
Arr.: Hal H. Hopson

Sermon: “Alive in Christ”: Embracing the Call to Holiness

Meditative Music: Meditation on “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
David Lasky

♪↑ **Offering Hymn:** “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” VU 541

Dedication of Offering *(together)*

Gracious God, we give You our gifts with grateful hearts. Use them to further Your work of transformation and holiness in our world. 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:** "Take Time to Be Holy" VU 672

Commissioning and Benediction

Go forth in the knowledge that you are called to be holy and transformed by God's love and grace. Share this transformation with others and let the light of Christ shine brightly in your lives. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forevermore.

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** "Amen!" VU 974

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!
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Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude: "Fugue in G Minor" J.S. Bach

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May 21, 2023: Sixth Sunday after Easter

Title: "Alive in Christ": Embracing the Call to Holiness

Text: Romans 6:1-14

Synopsis: Paul's message to the Romans challenges us to consider what it means to live a holy and transformed life in Christ. We are called to die to our old selves and be reborn in Christ, living lives that reflect God's love and grace.

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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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