

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE 18, 2023 (10:30 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: “Morning Has Broken”

Richard Proulx

Welcoming

Christ Candle Lighting

As we light this candle, may it serve as a reminder of God's illumination on our path, helping us choose words that foster love, unity, and peace.

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come before the Lord, who imparts wisdom and understanding.

People: We seek to learn from God, to use our words for good, not harm.

♪↑ **Hymn:** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

VU 703

Prayer of Adoration *(together)*

**O God of wisdom, we stand in awe of Your boundless knowledge.
Teach us to communicate with love, understanding, and respect.
We honor and adore You, O source of all wisdom and truth.**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us join together in confessing our failures to use our words with love and truth as we ask for God's mercy.

People: Lord, we confess that we have often used our words thoughtlessly, causing pain instead of comfort, division instead of unity. Forgive us and guide us in our speech.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. God forgives all who genuinely repent and seek God's guidance. We are forgiven.

People: Thank You, God!

♪+ **Hymn:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

VU 371

Scripture: Proverbs 15:4, 18:21

Anthem: “I Have Seen Jesus In You” Words and Music: Rebecca Fair, Douglas Nolan; Arr.: Douglas Nolan

Sermon: Words That Work: Communication for Better Connections

Meditative Music: “Ubi Caritas”

David E. Wagner

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

Dedication of Offering *(together)*

We dedicate these offerings to You, O God. May they be used to promote understanding, unity, and peace among Your people.

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 I May Speak" VU 372

Commissioning and Benediction

Leader: Go forth with the wisdom imparted by our God.

People: May our words reflect God's love and understanding and may God's peace be with us all. Amen!

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

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

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Postlude: "Prelude and Fugue in F Major" J.S. Bach

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June 18, 2023

Title: "Words That Work: Communication for Better Connections"

Theme: Effective and thoughtful communication

Text: Proverbs 15:4, 18:21

Synopsis: In this session, we'll discover the art of "words that work" and how thoughtful communication can lead to stronger connections with others. Get ready to learn how to use your words wisely for improved relationships and better understanding.

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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'il_witlh (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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