

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 15, 2023 (10:00 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Prelude: “Down Ampney” (Come Down, O Love Divine)

Charles Callahan

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening the Bible

Call to Worship

Come and hear how God has brought us to this place in our congregation’s history. Come and hear how God has guided us through our past journey together. Come and hear how God guides our present journey and how God will guide our future journey together as ‘one’ people of God.

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”

VU 374

Opening Prayer (Adoration and Confession)

Holy One, we know we are summoned here by your call. We hear you calling each of us to new life and renewal and to embrace change. Young and old and middle aged, individuals and families, soft spoken and outspoken, we hear our names begin called to release the past and look to a new future, alive and serving you and the Risen One through the Holy Spirit. We are here to hear of your vision for us and for all of your people. Transform us and make us fresh and renewed as your servants as we journey in this world and as a community of faith. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Time of Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

♪↑ **Hymn of Response:** “Love Knocks and Waits”

MV 94

WE ENGAGE THE STORY

♪+ **Hymn of Illumination:** “Open Our Hearts”

MV 21

**Open our hearts, open our minds,
open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts, open our minds,
open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts.**

Scripture Readings: OT – Isaiah 43: 14-21

ONE: Hear what the Scriptures are saying to the church.

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem: “Ubi Caritas” (*Where Charity and Love Are, God Is There*)

Words: based on an early Christian Hymn

Music: John Purifoy

Reflection ‘Renewal: A Call to Embrace Change’

Meditative Music: “Sostenuto”

Gordon Young

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

♪↑ **Offering Hymn:** “Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands”

VU 537

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

♪+ **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:** “How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord” VU 504

WE GO FORTH

Commissioning and Benediction

🎵↑ **Benediction Response:** “Walk with Me” (Chorus x2) VU 649

Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through. *(repeat)*

🎵↑ **Closing:** “Threefold Amen” VU 967

Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude: “Dialogue” Jean-François Dandrieu

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Pianist: Patrick Zhu
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir
Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass, Chris Lay
Livestream Recording: Kevin Wong
Webminder: Debra Danny

October 15, 2023

Title: ‘Renewal: A Call to Embrace Change’

Text: Isaiah 43: 18-19

Synopsis: God creates a new thing out of the ashes of the old. We are called to release the past and welcome the potential for renewal. We are called to accept change and move forward into new ministry and to create new shoots. We have a purpose within this building and beyond its walls. This new and renewed path is springing up and we are called to perceive the changes that we are invited to live into this day and everyday as we work for the vision of God to be realized in our community of faith and in our community at large.



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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“Sostenuto, (Communion)”, Gordon Young, Eleven Organ Pieces for Church or Recital, 1962, Harold Flammer, Shawnee Press

“Dialogue”, Jean-François Dandrieu, Oxford Service Music for Organ, ed. Anne Marsden Thomas, Manuals Only Book 2, Oxford University Press, 2010

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