

# KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 22, 2023 (10:00 am)

♫↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♫+ Remain seated to sing

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

**Prelude:** “Chaconne”

Johann Pachelbel

**Welcome**

**Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening the Bible**

**Call to Worship**

ONE: Come to this place with praise and thanksgiving because this is no ordinary place. This is a sacred house of God; a place where we take time out of our busy lives to experience God reaching down into the corners of our lives, touching our hearts, offering us the mystery of holy love.

**ALL: We come to this place to hear that when we look to the cornerstone of the church, we see the living Christ. We come to be reminded that God has made us into living stones of this church and that living into God’s ways offers all of us new life in Christ.**

ONE: Come to this place and hear, once again, that even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us alive again through the Holy Spirit. Let us listen to the voice of our Triune God, around us and within us as we worship.

**ALL: Amen.**

♫↑ **Hymn:** “The Church’s One Foundation” \*\*

VU 331

**Prayer of Approach (Adoration and Confession)**

**Most Holy God, though you are known by many names and depicted in many ways, we know you most fully in Jesus Christ, our Messiah. We thank you for forming us into the church, the body of Christ in the world. Help us to live ever more deeply into his ways. Help us to sit at table with outcasts, the needy, the lonely and those**

**who seem different from us. Transform us into living beings of your vision of one heaven and earth. Help us to love you, to love others and to be ‘one’ in and through you. Use our gifts and skills in the service of your ministry until all things are transformed into what is good and acceptable and perfect according to your will. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen**

**Time of Silent Reflection**

♫+ **Words of Assurance:** “Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New”

MV 115

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way. (repeat)**

♫+ **Hymn of Response:** “Blessed Assurance”

VU 337

## 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:** Isaiah 51: 1-6; Romans 12: 1-8;  
Matthew 16: 13-21

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**Anthem:** “Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Words and Music: Allen Pote

**Reflection:** ‘Reimagining: Vision for a New Future’

**Meditative Music:** “Verset III” (Cinq Elevations)

Leon Boellmann

## 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:** “Deep In Our Hearts” \*\* MV 154

## 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:** “Fugue sur la Trompette” Francois Couperin

\*\* from Hymn Survey favourites list

### Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Diane Halkett

Scripture Reader: Mary-Ellen Flynn

Minute for Stewardship: Susan McAlpine

Music Director: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Pianist: Patrick Zhu

Ministry of Music: Knox Choir

Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass, John Carr, June Hollands

Livestream Recording: Kevin Wong

Webminder: Debra Danny

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## October 22, 2023

**Title:** ‘Reimaging: Vision for a New Future’

**Text:** Isaiah 51: 1-6; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-21

**Synopsis:** “Build it and they will come”. What is the church supposed to look like moving forward? Jesus said to “build my church, a church of followers of my word and story”. The blue- print is clear. If we listen to the details of our unique contribution to the world-wide blue- print of love we will find the answers. If we put God’s vision of love, joy, harmony, and hope as a priority and at the center of each conversation about ‘what next’ we will find the answers. All we need is to turn to the firm foundation based on our faith deep in our lives.



### 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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