

June 30, 2024

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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'wítlh (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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SUMMERSPIRIT 2024

at Knox United Church (10:00 a.m.)

Prelude: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Donald Busarow

Call to Worship

Great Creator God
We gather to praise your Holy Name.
We gather also to ask for what we need:
for forgiveness;
for you to keep us from all harm;
for your ways to be our ways.
Walk with us this day, God of our lives.
and may we be blessed as we sing, pray and grow together.

Hymn: "We Praise You, O God" VU 218

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Welcome

Christ Candle and Passing the Peace

WE LIFT UP OUR THANKS TO GOD

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
(Lasst Uns Erfreuen) Tune: VU 217

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
circling through earth so all may grow;
hallelujah, hallelujah.
Vanquishing fear so all may give;
widening grace so all may live.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah.**

Prayer of Dedication (*together*)

God accept these gifts and intentions, our prayers and our dreams, and refine them with your light and your love so that they, and we, may become a blessing for your world. Amen

We Learn with our Children

Solo: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (Prayer of St. Francis)
Words/Music: Sebastian Temple
Choral Setting: Jane Holstein

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6: 1-13

Hymn: Lord's Prayer (*see insert*)

Message: Imperative!

Hymn: "We Gather Here" (*Come, Share the Lord*) VU 469

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Spirit of God be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to God.**
Minister: Give thanks to our God.
People: **All our thanks, all our praise!**

God of our hearts, you are the Ancient of Days
and yet are as closer to us than the breath in our lungs.
**Since time began your love has moved through Creation,
and through us, your children.**
Your love has come to us in so many ways
and you have called us to live in it, and to share it.
Your gifts to us are many.
Your love for us is endless.

God of our ancestors,
 you have always guided and coaxed us to be more than we are.
 You whispered to Samuel and pushed Jonah.
 You needed Mary and Martha, as imperfect as they were.
 You have given us poets and artists and musicians,
 explorers and activists and teachers who inspire.

Your hopes and dreams have always been before us.

Even so, too many times we have turned away.

We have covered our eyes and ears,
 and shut our hearts to you.
 We have been pleased to slowly crawl,
 feeling our way in the darkness
 when you have offered us light.

**We have easily become stuck,
 comfortable in the safe places,
 happy to stay where we are.**

But you did not forget us.
 Your love has never been hidden.
 You showed us a new way in a man from Nazareth.
 Jesus, the one who touched lepers.
 the one who ate with sinners.
 the one who held children.
 the one who spoke openly with women.
 Jesus, the dreamer, the dancer, the risk-taker.

**Jesus, the one who was murdered for his
 outspokenness, his compassion, his justice-seeking.**

The one who was killed for living intimately and uncompromisingly
 with your Word, your Way, your Love.

This did not stop you, God of Life.
We could not kill your love.

We could not kill your Christ.

**Your Spirit still soars in our lives and moves in our
 world, reconciling us to your love which even death
 itself cannot quench.**

So it is that we join the song of all creation, proclaiming your
 goodness:

**¡Santo, santo, santo,
 Mi corazón te adora!
 Mi corazón te sabe decir:
 Santo eres, Dios!**

VU 951

**Holy, holy, holy,
 my heart, my heart adores you!
 My heart is glad to say the words:
 You are holy, God!**

On the night before he died,
 he had supper with his companions.
 He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks,
 he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
 "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."
 Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,
 he passed it among them, saying:
 "Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

God, at this table,
find us.
 Through this bread,
stir us.
 With this cup,
heal us.
 With your love,
hold us.

Sharing of the Elements

Reflective Music: “Eat This Bread” Tune Jacques Berthier
arr. Charles Callahan

Prayer after Communion (together)

We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;
That wine poured out replenishes;
That time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is gift and
grace. Amen.

Hymn: “Take Time to Be Holy” VU 672

Blessing

Postlude: “The Bishop’s Fanfare” Christopher Tambling

Worship Leaders:

Leader: Rev. Dave Moors

Scripture Reader: Nancy Cho

Prayer Leader: Cliff Prowse

Music Director: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Soloist: Lana Whyte

Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass, Sandra Trueman, Robin O’Brien

Communion Servers: Mary-Ellen Flynn, Helena Ho, Catherine Shen,

Phil King, Sandra Trueman, Mary Graham, Colleen Coulter

Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong

Webminder: Debra Danny

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