

We are comfortable in today's understanding of the Christian faith, that all people of all races, skin colour, or cultural traditions are welcome into the arms of Christ. But this was not always the case.

Just like many communities struggled a few generations ago with Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions rubbing elbows, the world of Peter struggled in a similar way with the idea that Christ's salvation could be for more than just the Jewish people they thought deserved the opportunity.

The Holy Spirit made the Apostles reflect carefully and widen their understanding of God's mercy and Christ's loving reach. We are challenged to do the same in today's world.

Church Office

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Tuesday - Thursday 10AM-12PM

Or By Appointment

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We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of the Syeelwh Nation, which means 'The people who live here.'. We acknowledge their care of the land prior to European settlement. Today, we share this land together, and continue to work towards healing and reconciliation.



# Knox Presbyterian

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

GENTILES?

# Sunday Morning Worship

"He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"

Musical Prelude - Spirit of the Living God

Welcome

We gather to worship the One  
who crafted creation out of chaos,  
our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

We gather to lift our praise  
to the God who gives us voice,  
we bring the songs which have echoed  
in our hearts all week long.

We gather as the children of God,  
our joy unbroken in God's love.  
young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched  
lift the new, new songs of faith.

Opening Hymn - Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Opening Prayer

Beautiful music, every note perfect, joining together in graceful harmony - this is what we imagine our lives to be. Yet our love is flat, our anger often sharp. Let us confess how we struggle to keep the measured beat of God's life-giving melody in our lives, even as we pray together saying,

Joy-giving God, we know who we are: people who hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls, but sing off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our heads.

We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the hurts inflicted on us, and the pain we have caused others, silence our voices.

Sing to us, Conductor of Grace: sing of your forgiveness, your hope, your love for us.

Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes could see all you have done for us; and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us; and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope and life composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Reading & Hymn Medley

Scripture Lesson - Acts 10:44-48

Reflection - Rev. Teresa

Music Moment

Prayers for the People *with Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

Announcements

Closing Hymn - Amazing Grace with My Chains are Gone

Benediction