



**KNOX**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**January 14, 2024**

**11:30 AM**

## Welcome and Centering for Worship

### Gather Us In

#8 from Sing!

Here in this place new light is streaming  
now in the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
we shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
we are the old who yearn for Your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Call to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty  
gather us in the proud and the strong  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
give us the courage to enter the song

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven lightyears away  
but here in this place the new light is shining  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own,  
gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Beautiful Things

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All this pain  
I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really  
change at all

All this earth  
Could all that is lost  
ever be found  
Could a garden come up from  
this ground at all

Chorus

You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things  
out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things  
out of us

All around  
Hope is springing up from  
this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found  
In You (chorus)

You make me new You are  
making me new  
You make me new You are  
making me new  
(REPEAT)

## Prayer of Confession

### Blessed Are the Merciful

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Blessed are the merciful, blessed are the merciful  
Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive  
Mercy  
Mercy

Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us (x2)  
Lord have mercy on us  
Show your mercy through us (x3)

Mercy

## Assurance of Pardon

You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us

## Prayers of the People

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

*You are now invited to light a candle at the front of the sanctuary*



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## First Scripture Reading – Genesis 28:10-16

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup>and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup>Know that I am with you and will keep you

wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’<sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!’

## **Second Scripture Reading – John 1:43-51**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’<sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’<sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’<sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’<sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’<sup>51</sup> And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

## **Sermon**

### **Your Labor is Not in Vain**

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Your labor is not in vain	called you by name
Though the ground underneath	Your labor is not in vain
you is cursed and stained	
Your planting and reaping	Your labor is not unknown
are never the same	Though the rocks they cry out
But your labor is not in vain	and the sea it may groan
	The place of your toil may not
	seem like a home
Refrain	
For I am with you, I am with you	
I am with you, I am with you	But your labor is not unknown
For I have called you,	(refrain)

The vineyards you plant  
will bear fruit  
The fields will sing out  
and rejoice with the truth  
For all that is old will at last  
be made new  
The vineyards you plant will  
bear fruit (refrain)

The houses you labored to build  
Will finally with laughter  
and joy be filled  
The serpent that hurts  
and destroys shall be killed  
And all that is broken be healed  
(refrain)

## **Benediction**

## Thank you to our Leaders in Worship

Pastor: Rev. Drew Peterson

Pastor for Imaginative Worship: Rev. Dr. Taylor Telford

Worship Leaders: Camille Troxel, Carole Stuart, Nolan Carthum

Audio/Video Technician: Dave Colvin

Greeter: Lois Robertson

## Upcoming Schedule

<b>Jan 14</b>	Ministry Team Meetings	Before Worship
	Worship	11:30 a.m.
<b>Jan 15</b>	Ministry Team Reports Due	5:00 p.m.
	Worship	11:30 a.m.
<b>Jan 16</b>	Session	6 p.m.
<b>Jan 28</b>	Annual Congregational Meeting	After Worship

## Announcements

**The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>, after Worship.**

### 2024 Food and Resource Drive

Knox will be collecting items throughout 2024 to donate to Our Place. Each month we will have an identified item we ask our congregants to donate as they are able. **January' s item: Peanut Butter**

## Prayers

Please pray for the Schubring family as they cultivate gratitude for all that they have and grieve the loss of so much from the burning of their home. If any of you are able to make a meal for them, you can sign up using this meal train link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/716841>

### Middle East

Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, Gaza and Israel.

## Richard Raymond

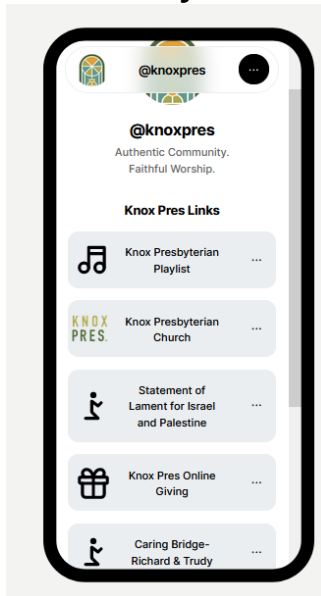
Continue to pray for Richard Raymond's health, and strength for Trudy as they navigate through this uncertain time. You can leave a prayer and follow their journey on Caring Bridge **by scanning the Knox Link Tree QR Code below.**

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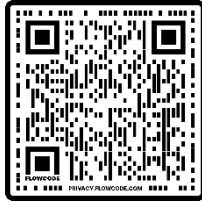
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