

# A Sabbath Way of Life

*February 14, 2021*



## ARE YOU NEW TO KNOX? WELCOME!



### Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the front of the Worship Center after the service.



### Communion

We celebrate Communion weekly. If you are a baptized follower of Christ, we invite you to join us.



### Questions?

If you'd like to talk with someone about questions you have, please contact the Knox Office. Information is also available through the Knox app or website.



### Connecting at Knox

Community Groups are one of the ways we seek to help folks get and stay connected at Knox. These small groups are a way to engage in Gospel-centered community as we study God's Word, worship, pray, serve, and seek to live out a God-honoring, neighbor-loving life together. Visit the Knox website (Ministries -> Adult) to find out more about Community Groups and to complete a request form to join one.

#### **LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

*Pastor Mike Frison (sermon) • Pastor Tom Robinson (liturgy)*

## - FOR REFLECTION -

*There will be countless Sabbaths spent indoors in front of a fire, reading a novel; and there will be others on the side of a stream watching a bull trout meander with feckless disregard as fleeing cutthroat escape their most potent rival. But all Sabbaths are a direct, face-to-face, underdog challenger to death. The Sabbath looks death in the eye and says, 'O death, where is your sting?' Sabbath doesn't deny that death exists; instead, it celebrates life. It pretends that death has no power to contort joy or to disfigure love. It risks the foolishness of childlike faith to overcome the bully that seeks at every moment to ruin play and malign joy.*

- Dan Allender



# ∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

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## – GOD GATHERS –

**Prelude** *(You are invited to pray and reflect silently.)*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** *Psalm 96*

**\*Hymn of Praise** *To God Be the Glory*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**\*Songs of Praise** *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever  
My Savior, My God*

## – GOD RENEWS –

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Grace** *Colossian 2:13-14*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation** *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

## – GOD FEEDS –

**Scripture Reading** *Zechariah 8:1-8*

**Sermon** *Living the Sabbath: Delighting through Playing*

**Approaching the Table** *Sweet Feasting*

**The Lord's Supper**

**\*Song** *Let There Be Joy*

## – GOD SENDS –

**\*Benediction**

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit*

# DELIGHTING THROUGH PLAYING

*Zechariah 8:1-8*

*Next Week: Psalm 92*

## - GOING DEEPER -

- ▶ Is a God who gets jealous, even greatly jealous with great wrath for his people, within your realm of possibilities for the God of the Bible? Why or why not? Can you imagine this God being so jealous for you? Why or why not?
- ▶ What do you think it meant to the people moving back to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon that God had returned to Zion and that He was dwelling in the midst of Jerusalem? Is there a place in your life where you sense that God dwells? Is it an accessible place? How often and for what do you go there?
- ▶ Do you or you and your family play games, outside or indoors, on the Sabbath? How do you think God views silly, fun recreation on the Sabbath? Why do you believe this?
- ▶ Zechariah wrote in verses 7 & 8: "I will save my people from the east country and from the west county and I will bring them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem." What is God promising? Have you seen God fulfilling this promise even in our day some 2,600 years later? How so?
- ▶ Trace the saying, "They will be my people and I will be their God" throughout the Old Testament. What was the significance of this saying to the Israelites, to their enemies and to God himself?





## Family Matters

- ▶ The Annual Meeting will take place TODAY @ 4 PM via Zoom. Voting will be done electronically. Please contact the Knox Office immediately (email [adminsupport@knoxannarbor.org](mailto:adminsupport@knoxannarbor.org) or call 734-761-5669) if you do not have access to Zoom.
- ▶ Links to information about candidates for the offices of elder and deacon, as well as for the 2021 Nominating Committee, were emailed to the congregation. A limited number of printed copies of the Annual Report, candidate information and the "Democracy vs. Theocracy" paper are available in the atrium.
- ▶ Are you considering membership at Knox? Then join us for Community 101 via Zoom Wednesday evenings, Mar. 10 - Apr. 14. We will explore what it means to live together as Jesus' followers in a committed community. For more information and class registration, visit our website (News & Updates > Community 101).
- ▶ **Communion:** Last December a letter from the Knox Session was emailed to the congregation, communicating their decision to move forward with permitting the practice of the sacrament of Communion remotely. (If you did not receive this email, contact the Knox Office.) This is a departure from the earlier decision to practice it only within the sanctuary. For this temporary season, Session has determined that "physical presence" may include remote video participation in the Sunday service and Communion. To participate in Communion remotely, you may pick up pre-filled Communion cups under the canopy on the upper level.



## Community / Ways to Connect

- ▶ **PrimeTimers** Are you in the "Prime Time" of life—empty nester, retired, about to retire? Gather with others online to reconnect with friends or make new ones. Norma Miller and Pastor Mike hosting Zoom gatherings on Thursdays @ 3PM. Email Norma ([nkmiller852@gmail.com](mailto:nkmiller852@gmail.com)) and she will send you the Zoom meeting link.
  - Feb. 18 - Featured hymn composer (video)
  - Feb. 25 - Article about Christian living (read ahead and discuss)



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In All Things, Charity.



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