

# Gospel of John

*October 24, 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.



### New at Knox or ready to get better connected?

If you have questions, please contact the Knox Office (734.761.5669) or fill out a CONNECT CARD, found in the pews. We'd like to hear from you! If you would like to make meaningful connections with others at Knox, please contact our Ministry Director, Kathy Brace, at [kbrace@knoxannarbor.org](mailto:kbrace@knoxannarbor.org) or 734.761.5669, ext. 222 to learn about ministries for all age groups and ways to serve. To stay up to date with what's happening at Knox, request the weekly email using this QR code.



### Childcare & Children's Worship

Care is available during the service for children birth to 3 years of age. Our Early Childhood Wing is located on the same level as the Worship Center. We welcome your children!

PLEASE NOTE: Children in PreK to 2nd grade attending Children's Worship will be dismissed after the Pastoral Prayer to join a volunteer at the rear of the sanctuary. Stickers are located in the pews. Before sending your child, please fill out the sticker, placing the large tag on your child's back and keeping the small portion to show at pickup. You will be asked to show an ID if you lose your half of the ticket. If it's your child's first time to go to Children's Worship, please accompany him or her down the stairs to the Gathering Place room to complete check-in. If you are not attending the CE hour, **please pick up your child from the PreK/K classroom on the lower level.**

- FOR REFLECTION -

*If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me.*

*Robert Murray McCheyne*



# ∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

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## – GOD GATHERS –

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

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** *Psalm 92*

**Hymn of Praise** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**\*Songs of Praise** *Forever  
Build My Life*

## – GOD RENEWS –

**Silent Confession of Sin**

**Assurance of Grace** *Psalm 103:8-13*

**Story of Grace**

**Pastoral Prayer**

*\*\* Children dismissed to Children's Worship \*\**

**Hymn of Preparation** *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

## – GOD FEEDS –

**Scripture Reading** *John 2:12-22*

**Sermon** *The Temple of His Body*

**Approaching the Table** *Sweet Feasting*

**The Lord's Supper**

**\*Hymn** *Oh How Good It Is*

## – GOD SENDS –

**\*Benediction**

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit*

# THE TEMPLE OF HIS BODY

*John 2:12-22*

*Next week: John 2:23 - 3:21*

## - GOING DEEPER -

The Christian life, in large measure, rests on two ideas – considering all that God has done for his people (the indicative), there is a shape that life should increasingly take (the imperative). Today's sermon gives us insight into how both work together, leading us to holiness and happiness.

- ▶ First, let's think of the indicative. As Pastor Bryan reminded us today, everything the Temple was to ancient Israel - our access to God, our worship of God, our home with God – is now all ours through Jesus. In what ways might grasping that bring you nearer to holiness and nearer to true happiness?
- ▶ Second, let's think of the imperative. Pastor Bryan raised the question in the sermon: "If Jesus is the man of Psalm 69 who was consumed by zeal for God's house, what would it mean as he lives his life in you now by the Spirit, to be increasingly consumed yourself by zeal for God's house?"
  - First, zeal for Jesus who is for us what the Temple was for Israel (the house of God).
  - Second, zeal for the Church which, as Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2, is God's New Covenant house, his New Creation dwelling place.
- ▶ We tend to think of zeal in more negative ways these days (except for rooting for your favorite sports team). Zealots make us nervous. But how might being consumed by a God-centered, Christ-like, Spirit-created zeal bring you nearer to holiness and true happiness?

# C.E. CLASSES

Christian Education/Sunday School

All classes will start at 11:15 AM.



## Children

PreK & Kindergarten: Room 117

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Room 103

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Room 115

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: NorthStar Room

Classrooms are on the lower level.



## Middle & High School

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>: Turning Point Room  
(on the lower level)

Jesus and Zachaeus: A Study in  
Hospitality



## Adults

### THE GOSPEL'S CALL TO HOSPITALITY ACROSS CULTURES

(Pastor Bryan Gregory, Valerie Johnson, Fred Bailey and Elder Sara Chang)

► *Worship Center and via Zoom (see link in Friday's email)*

This fall, as part of Knox's year-long focus on hospitality, we will examine the ways that the Bible calls us to extend the same extravagant welcome to others who are different from us. Through deep study of God's big story across the Old and New Testaments, we'll discover how inter-cultural hospitality is at the very core of the gospel, not an optional add-on to Christian doctrine. Driven by biblical truths, we'll consider hospitality in a variety of forms, from opening our homes to one another and building friendships with people unlike ourselves, to examining Knox's practices and traditions and the ways that our community might become even more inviting to people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. In the end, we hope that Knox might more fully live into the vision given to us in Isaiah, where people of God's church from all nations, tribes, and tongues stream into His eternal city (Isaiah 66), gathering for the ultimate experience of hospitality and belonging—celebrating Him around a heavenly banquet table (Isaiah 25:6; Revelation 7, 19:6-9).

### LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

*Pastor Bryan Gregory (sermon) • Pastor Josh Boehr (liturgy) • Isaac Wingfield, Barbara Trevethan (Story of Grace)*



## Family Matters

- ▶ Session has been examining Knox's officer training and is excited to introduce a proposal for a broader **leadership development program** that can serve church officers (elders and deacons) as well as ministry leaders. The goal is to make Knox leadership training more accessible and more comprehensive. We would be delighted if you would join us for a Town Hall meeting **TODAY at 5 PM** to learn more and give your input..
- ▶ We're pleased to let you know about our **new assistive listening system** available during the worship service. This system, called AudioFetch, allows us to stream the audio from the service directly to your smartphone or tablet via the AudioFetch app. This means you get to control what you're hearing through your own device and headphones (or directly to a linked hearing aid, if so configured). You can download the AudioFetch app using this QR Code.

If you would like to use the system, please stop by the sound booth before or after the service and someone will gladly assist you. We can help make sure you're connected to the Wi-Fi and have the app set up correctly. We will also have some devices available at the sound booth for those who would like to use the system but do not have their own device.



## Community / Ways to Connect



- ▶ On Fri., **Nov. 5, 6-8 PM**, come join your Knox family for an evening of food, fellowship, fun, thanksgiving, and serving others as we **Give Thanks!** The campfires will be ablaze near the canopy entrance and we'll have cozy spots indoors too. We'll share a meal together at 6 PM, then we'll make our way through seven stations that feature public and private thanksgiving, opportunities to bless others, and prayer groups. Use the link in Friday's email to sign up to attend and bring an item for the Blessing Baskets we'll be putting together for Salvation Army's Staples Center.
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 10, **Nativity Petting Zoo**. Mark your calendars now for a chance to get up close and personal with the Christmas story. More details will be forthcoming.
- ▶ At Knox, it's our hope that all will find ways to know God and be known by his people. If you have spiritual questions or practical questions about ministries, please be in touch with our staff or use the Connect Card in the pew and someone will follow up.



In Essentials, Unity. In Non-essentials, Liberty.  
In All Things, Charity.



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