

Gospel of John

November 21, 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 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 two angels were to receive at the same moment a commission from God, one to go down and rule earth's grandest empire, the other to go and sweep the streets of its meanest village, it would be a matter of entire indifference to each which service fell to his lot, the post of ruler or the post of scavenger; for the joy of the angels lies only in obedience to God's will.

- E. M. Bounds



∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

– GOD GATHERS –

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

Welcome

Call to Worship *Psalms 24, 96 & 51*

Hymn of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***Prayer of Praise**

***Songs of Praise** *May the Peoples Praise You
Lord, You Hear the Cry (Lord Have Mercy)*

– GOD RENEWS –

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace *Romans 8:1-4*

Pastoral Prayer

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

Song of Preparation *For the Cause*

– GOD FEEDS –

Scripture Reading *John 4:27-42*

Sermon *That Sower and Reaper May Rejoice Together*

Approaching the Table *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

The Lord's Supper

***Song** *What a Beautiful Name*

– GOD SENDS –

***Benediction**

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

THAT SOWER AND REAPER MAY REJOICE TOGETHER

John 4:27-42

Next week: Matthew 24:36-51

- GOING DEEPER -

Today's sermon takes us again to Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, a scene that deepens and expands our understanding of what it means for us to be a people who bear witness to who Jesus is and what he has done.

- ▶ We tend to make evangelism a rather complicated affair. Take a course, attend a seminar, read these books. This marginalized woman shows us evangelism in two easy steps. The first is, "Tell your story." What's your story? How well do you know it? How easily can you share it?
- ▶ The second step is an invitation, "Come and see!" Where in your life do you both see and experience the kingdom of God? What would it mean to invite others to come and see with you?
- ▶ Often in the Western church, we grow discouraged because of the story we tell. We tend to see the church as the chaplain of a culture that is coming more and more to reject its chaplaincy. So, our story is one of decline, leading to defeat. What might it mean to change the story from "the church as chaplain to the culture" to "one of a missional people, seeing the West through the lens of a missionary story"? What might it mean to see ourselves as part of God's great mission to make disciples of all the nations, including our own?
- ▶ Lesslie Newbigin's seminal article, "Can the West Be Converted?", appeared in the January 1987 issue of the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*. "God alone knows the answer," he concluded. The West is a new missionary frontier. We need historical and global encouragement. Maybe you could ask Pastor Bryan or Pastor Josh about a book on the history of missions or a missionary biography. What about a plan to receive regular information about aspects of God's global mission? What role might Knox's missions program play in our life together to encourage us with a global perspective on God's plan to rescue a runaway planet?

C.E. CLASSES

Christian Education/Sunday School

All classes will start at 11:15 AM.



Children

PreK & Kindergarten: Room 117

1st & 2nd: Room 103

3rd & 4th: Room 115

5th & 6th: NorthStar Room

Classrooms are on the lower level.



Middle & High School

7th - 12th: 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)



Family Matters

- ▶ **Special congregational meeting** Immediately following the service TODAY, members are invited to a short meeting to vote on a small by-law change related to leadership training.
- ▶ **Service of Lament: a pathway to hope & praise** Dec. 5, 7-8 PM. Loss, pain, and unexpected or unwanted change have been part of our lives at an intense and accelerated pace for many months. These have perhaps taken a toll on your spirit, caused you grief, or revealed sin in your life. This service will provide an opportunity to express to God what's been lurking in your mind or heart. As you come before him in word, song, silence and prayer, you may experience God's comforting presence, hear his voice of peace and hope, and be strengthened for the future.

Do you know someone who is hurting? Consider inviting them to attend with you. Child care will be available for children ages 5 and under. Please sign up your children using the link in Friday's email.



Community / Ways to Connect

- ▶ **Thanksgiving baskets** TODAY is the deadline to bring in a complete holiday meal for Dicken School families in need.
- ▶ The recipient of this year's special **Thanksgiving offering** will be **Safe Families for Children**. SFFC (website: safe-families.org) is a family preservation movement motivated by radical hospitality, disruptive generosity, and intentional compassion to keep children safe and families together facing crisis. They bring church and community together, mobilizing an army of volunteers to advocate for vulnerable children and socially isolated families.
- ▶ **C3Women's Advent Gathering** (7 PM on Thurs., Dec. 16) *When they said, "Let's go to the house of GOD," my heart leaped for joy!* Ps. 122:1 After two long years, C3W joyously invites you to an evening of Advent worship as we stream Andrew Peterson's "Behold the Lamb of God" Christmas concert. Bring a friend and join us for an evening of rich worship, warm fellowship, festive desserts by Angel Food Catering and fun holiday crafts. Visit the Knox website to register (News & Updates > C3Women's Advent Celebration) or sign up in the atrium. \$10 registration.



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In All Things, Charity.



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