

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
February 21, 2010, 11:00 am - First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Adagio in G Minor* T. Albinoni

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT Chorale: *“Who Is It Dares to Strike You”* (from *St. John Passion*)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

1. Who is it dares to strike you,
My Saviour, to indict you,
With evil greet your good?
For yours is not the sinning,
'Tis ours from the beginning,
None could deny it, though he would.
2. Yea, Lord, our sins are endless
Like sands unnumbered, senseless,
That rim the oceans 'round.
These sins it is that grieve you,
Now buffet, now deceive you,
And bear to you this martyr's crown.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

People: *O come, let us sing, let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.*

Leader: God is a great God who holds the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, the sea and the dry land.

People: *O come, let us worship this God, our Creator. We are God's people and God cares for us.*

Leader: Let us worship this God, creator and sustainer of us all.

+*HYMN 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* St. Flavian

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ADORATION

Leader: Let us pray.

People: *God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you. We have turned aside to go our own way. We are misled by our pride—we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

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TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1-5 NRSV

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

ANTHEM *O Sacrum Convivium* Vytautas Miskinis (b. 1954)

*O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur,
Recolitur memoria passionis eius,
Mens impletur gratia et futurae,
Nobis pignus datur.*

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-9 NRSV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

SERMON *The Prologue of John*
Thomas D. York

OFFERTORY *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (from *Lux Aeterna*) Morten Lauridson

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus,
Et emitte coelitus lucis tuae radium.
Veni, pater pauperum,
Veni, lumen cordium.
Consolator optime,
Dulcis hospes animae,
Dulce refrigerium.*

*In labore, in aestu, in fletu solatium.
O lux beatissima,
Reple cordis intima
Tuorum fidelium.
Sine tuo numine,
Nihil est in homine,
Nihil est innoxium.*

*Lava quod est sordidum,
Riga quod est aridum,
Sana quod est saucium.
Fove quod est frigidum,
Rege quod est devium.*

*DOXOLOGY (592)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*HYMN 516 *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* O Quanta Qualia

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

(The minister gives thanks, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation. The congregation then joins with the choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven in unending praise, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(The minister continues the prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD (Please partake as you are served.)

COMMUNION MUSIC *Chorales* from *St. John Passion* J.S. Bach

“O, Boundless Love”

O, boundless love, O love beyond all others,
Which leads your feet along the Street of Martyrs.
We live here in this world, its pleasures buy here,
And you must die here.

“Thy Will Be Done!”

“Thy will be done!” Lord God, alone,
On earth as 'round your heavenly throne;
Teach us forbearance that we know
Where duty lies through joy or woe;
O, stay the hand, and foil the skill
Of them who work against your will.

“Ah! Mighty King, Renowned Through All the Ages”

1. Ah! mighty King, renowned through all the ages,
How may we rightly sound a-broad your praises?
No mortal men can ever hope to show you how much they owe you.
2. I can with all my senses never fashion
An offering worthy of your great compassion.
For all your love, what thanks can I accord you,
What works reward you?

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (Please hold the cup until all are served.)

COMMUNION MUSIC *Chorales* from *St. John Passion* J.S. Bach

“Tis From Your Bondage, Lord, Alone”

'Tis from your bondage, Lord, alone, That now our freedom flowers.
Your dungeon is our mercy throne, And liberty is ours!
Did you not choose a slave to be, We all were slaves eternally.

“My Heart In Secret Carries Your Name”

My heart in secret carries Your name and cross enshrined;
And there the glimmer tarries To cheer my darkened mind.
O, shine with-in my vision As com-fort in my need;
Though savaged by derision, So mildly did you bleed.

“Help Us, Christ! O Son of God”

Help us, Christ! O Son of God, Through your bitter anguish,
That we serve you as we ought, All our vices vanquish.
That your death, and why you died, Fruitfully we ponder,
And, though weak and poor inside Thank you for this wonder!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised us, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness, and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 539 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise Ellers

*CHARGE and CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Postlude on "McKee" R. W. Jones

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*Please stand as you are able. + Latecomers may be seated.

During the tolling of the carillon we invite you to remember all who work for peace in our world today.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Barbara Johnson and family, in loving memory of Jim Johnson and our parents, Jim and Alta Johnson and William and Mary Morris.

Sermon Notes

If there ever was a piece of writing that is deceptively simple, this is it—the Gospel of John.

Not one of the gospels is intended to be a straightforward biography of Jesus of Nazareth, but a series of stories designed to confront the reader with one who claims to be a unique Son of God and Savior of the World.

In the beginning.....it is a mind-blowing prologue beyond all time and space.

To speak is to give oneself away and in that sense, to say something is to do something.

By my words I both discover and create who I am.

The dark side of history, the dark side of your life and mine, can be vividly depicted as the refusal of the light we have been given.

To Our Guests and Visitors

Welcome!

Welcome to Knox Presbyterian Church! We invite you to join us whenever we are gathered for worship: 9:15 am (Knox Commons); 11:00 am (Sanctuary), education, fellowship or service. Join us also for coffee hour between the 9:15 and 11:00 am services in the Knox Commons. Visitor information is available at the rear of Knox Commons, in the narthex and in the Michigan Avenue lobby. If you have questions, look for members wearing badges, or call Tom York or Jana Reister in the church office, 321-2573.

Parking for Sunday Services

Parking can sometimes present challenges for those attending worship services or participating in other Knox events. In addition to the parking area off Michigan Avenue, we now have 13 additional parking spaces off Observatory Ave. On Sundays we are asking that the Observatory spaces be saved for use by individuals who are physically challenged. A map of available parking may be found on our website: www.knox.org

Restrooms

Men's and women's restrooms are available on the sanctuary level and on the basement level at the far north end of the building. Please follow the posted signs to their location.

Coatroom

The coatroom can be found off the Observatory Road narthex.

Caring for Children

Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered at 9:15 and 11:00 am during worship services. Please ask an usher or the Deacon on-duty in the Michigan Avenue lobby for directions to the nursery and childcare rooms.

Sunday School

At 9:15 am, Sunday School is available for children ages 3 years through grade 6. At 11:00 am, classes are held for children and youth ages 3 years old through 12th grade. Please check the bulletin insert for information about weekly Adult Education classes.

Hearing Enhancement Equipment Available

Hearing enhancement equipment is available to help you hear the service at 9:15 and 11:00 am. An usher would be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to an usher. Thank you!

Large-Print Hymnals and Bulletins are Available

Large-print hymnals, with text, but no music notation, are available. Please ask one of the ushers.

Mobile Phones

Please turn off mobile phones, pagers and other mobile devices upon entering the sanctuary. Thank you!

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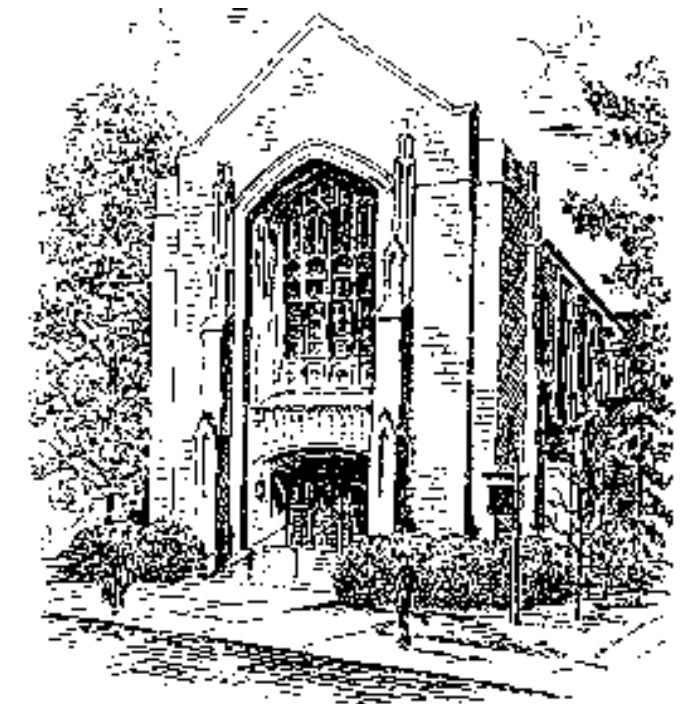
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Recycling

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All Are Welcome



We are a joyful community of Christian faith... A growing reflection of God's love.

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