

# gospel

spring 2017: A LOVE THAT TRANSFORMS  
EVERYTHING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

# LOVE



# The Lord's Day

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

9:15 and 11:00 am

## Reflection

Lesslie Newbigin, *A Word in Season*

*How can this strange story of God made man, of a crucified savior, of resurrection and new creation become credible for those whose entire mental training has conditioned them to believe that the real world is the world that can be satisfactorily explained and managed without the hypothesis of God? I know of only one clue to the answering of that question, only one real hermeneutic of the gospel: Congregations that believe it.*

## Song

*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

Brenton Brown | Paul Baloché

Praise is rising; eyes are turning to you.  
We turn to you.  
Hope is stirring; hearts are yearning for you.  
We long for you.

'Cause when we see you,  
we find strength to face the day;  
in your presence  
all our fears are washed away.  
(washed away)

Hosanna, hosanna!  
You are the God who saves us,  
worthy of all our praises.  
Hosanna, hosanna!  
Come have your way among us;  
we welcome you here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you.  
We turn to you.  
In your Kingdom  
broken lives are made new;  
you make us new.

Hosanna, hosanna!

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## Welcome / Prayer

**[Children wanting to participate in the Parade of Praise should go to the lobby now to get their palm branches.]**

**Hymn 235**    *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
Theodulph of Orleans

**Song**    *We Fall Down*  
Chris Tomlin

We fall down;  
we lay our crowns  
at the feet of Jesus,  
the greatness of mercy and love  
at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry, "Holy, Holy, Holy!"  
we cry "Holy, Holy, Holy!"  
we cry "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lamb!"  
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**Song**    *Even So Come*  
Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Jess Cates

All of creation, all of the earth,  
make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.  
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner; wake up the saint.  
Let ev'ry nation shout of your fame.  
Jesus is coming soon.  
Like a bride waiting for her groom,  
we'll be a church ready for you.  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing,  
"Even so come, Lord Jesus; come.  
Even so come, Lord Jesus; come."

There will be justice; all will be new,  
your name forever faithful and true.  
Jesus is coming soon.

So we wait; we wait for you.  
God, we wait; you're coming soon.  
So we wait; we wait for you.  
God, we wait; you're coming soon.  
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.  
(Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.)

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# Prayer of Thanks

## Announcements

### Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for becoming one of us, for being intimately acquainted with our suffering, for knowing what is like to have to trust your Father when he answers your prayers in different ways than you wish. We confess that we do not fully understand why suffering must be part of the Christian life. Forgive us when we have sinned under the weight of suffering through ignorance, weakness, frustration, or bitterness. Forgive us for doubting your wisdom and goodness when we suffer, for you have totally proven that you can be trusted with suffering at the cross. In your great mercy, forgive us and minister to us in our pain and disappointment. Renew us in our spirits, even if our bodies are not yet being renewed. Grant us patience to endure times of trial, to know your strength in weakness, to embrace humility—all by faith in Jesus. In whose name we pray. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Encouragement

Based on Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Offering

*Hosanna*

Craig Courtney  
Sanctuary Choir

### Bible Reading

John 10:22-42

### Message

*Music Only a God Could Play*

Bruce O'Neil, senior pastor

## Song of Response

### Cornerstone

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan,  
William Batchelder Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Christ alone, cornerstone,  
weak made strong in the Savior's love;  
through the storm he is Lord,  
Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil;  
my anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless stand before the throne.

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## Benediction

# *Music Only a God Could Play*

John 10:22-42

Introduction: "Hanukkah" for Christians

1. Who is Jesus?

2. What are the works of Jesus?

## Passion Week

Here are the dates and times for our services and events:

**April 13** – Maundy Thursday – 7:30PM

This is a familyfriendly service. Childcare is not provided.

**April 14** – Tenebrae – 8:00PM

Childcare is not provided.

**April 15** – Eggstraordinaire – 10:00AM-2:00PM

**April 16** – Easter Sunday – 8:00AM, 9:15AM, and 11:00AM

Infant and toddler nursery and preschool at 9:15 and

11. No elementary, student, or adult Sunday school classes.

Visit [easter.epannapolis.org](http://easter.epannapolis.org) for details.

## College Lunch

College students are invited to join us to enjoy fellowship

and a free lunch **today** at 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## Eggstraordinaire

The Eggstraordinaire is **April 15**, and we have many

opportunities for you to minister to our community. From running carnival games to bringing baked goods for the bake walk to simply welcoming the community onto the campus, we need people who are willing to serve. If you can minister in this way, contact Nancy Thompson at [nancy.thompson731@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.thompson731@gmail.com).

## Giveaway & Auto Clinic

Saturday, **April 22** from 8:00-11:00AM in the Fellowship

Hall. We donate items such as clothing, household items, linens, kitchen tools, toys, baby equipment, Bibles and books. All of the items are free to those who come, and every visitor is given a Bible, some small books that explain the Gospel, and an invitation to EP and our ministries.

Drop-off day for donations is Friday, **April 21**, from 4:00-8:00PM.

Please sign up in the Church Office for the Auto Clinic. Remember to bring the correct oil filter for your car; we will provide the oil. For more information, call the Church Office at 410-266-8090.

## March 2017

## Contact Info

Budgeted Income:	\$683,498	Actual Income:	\$662,665
Actual Income:	<del>\$662,665</del>	Actual Expense:	<del>\$653,773</del>
	\$ (20,833)		\$ 8,892

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## Ministry Information

### Disciple Making

In fall 2017, our church will launch the small group segment of our Disciple-Making Initiative, Renew Groups. We are recruiting and training leaders for these groups. If you are interested in leading or hosting a group, please join us for three Sundays of training: **April 23, April 30, and May 7 at 9:15 or 11:00AM.** Go to [epannapolis.org](http://epannapolis.org) or the EP Church App to register.

### Women's Retreat

The Women of EP In-Town Retreat: Renewing our City, will be held on **April 28-29**. All generations (middle school and above) are invited to come and spend some time living missionally! Join us on Friday night at **7:00PM** for dessert, some fun, worship, and a panel discussion. Sleep at home on Friday or invite a few friends to join you for a getaway night in a local hotel. On Saturday, we will break into small groups and head into the city to serve. We'll end with lunch at EP at **12:30PM**. Register at [epannapolis.org](http://epannapolis.org) or on the EP Church App.

### Sample a Renew Group

You are invited to try out a Renew Group gathering on **May 7 at 5:30PM** at the home of Cheryl and Don Mullis. Bring your whole family and a side dish or dessert to share. We'll share a meal together and then have an opportunity to get a taste of a Renew Group, as well as an introduction to the *Serge Curriculum, Gospel Identity*, that we will use in the fall. Sign up on [epannapolis.org](http://epannapolis.org) or on the church app.

### Kids to Camp Dinner

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Send a Kid to Camp Wabanna fund this year. We received enough to send 25 children to camp this summer. We will be having a Registration Dinner for all of the children and their families on Saturday, **May 20, from 4:00-6:00PM**. Volunteers are needed to help set up, decorate, serve, and clean up, or simply to fellowship with these new friends. Please contact Laurie at [lnelson@epannapolis.org](mailto:lnelson@epannapolis.org) or at ext. 103.

### Sermon Series

### Gospel Love

April 16	<i>A Love that Raises the Dead</i>	John 11:1-44
April 23	<i>The Generosity of Love</i>	John 12:1-8
April 30	<i>The Trouble with Love</i>	John 12:20-36