

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 13th June 2021 (KEC SERVICE Online)

Please take note that this Sunday's service begins at **8.30am**, not 9am.

We will not be showing any new Kids' Church Videos for the moment. Please do join one of our Sunday School groups instead! Contact Abang Trang for more info.

You can access the livestream at https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/

Or on Youtube here: <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

8.30am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.25am latest.

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – 1 John 3:1-3

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Silas Michael)

SONG 1: Here is love

SONG 2: Amazing love (You are my King)

3. Teaching Video: Be Disciples, Make Disciples

4. Prayers

- World
- Nation
- Church

5. Bible reading: Isaiah 43:1-7; John 10:1-16; Galatians 4:4-11

ISAIAH 43:1-7

43 But now, this is what the LORD says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

³ For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush^[a] and Seba in your stead.

⁴ Since you are precious and honored in my sight,
and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.

⁶ I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’
and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’

Bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

JOHN 10:1-16

10 “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.^[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

GALATIANS 4:4-11

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.^[a] ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*,^[b] Father.” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces^[c]? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? ¹⁰ You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.

SERMON OUTLINE: KNOWN BY GOD

Kevin Vanhoozer

I’m not known to him!

The daydream

1. We all long to be known

I am someone...and I want to be known

When people don’t know us

“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial.” (Tim Keller)

Why do we long to be known?

Psalm 8:3-4

What is a human being? *Someone whom God is mindful of*

To be truly human is to be known by God (eg. Ps. 144:3, Ps. 139:1, Jer. 1:5)

2. We're scared to be known

Sardines

Hiding

"...felt no shame" (Gen. 2:25)

Gen.3 – shame introduced (especially v.7-8)

Exchanged the glory of the immortal God for a lesser glory (Rom. 1:21-23)

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

3. We control how we are known

"To be known but not loved – that's our greatest fear." (Tim Keller)

Prey and predator?

Image projection (Phil. 3:4-6)

Can lead to dehumanizing ways (eg. Acts 9:1)

The great paradox: we are scared of being known, yet we long to be known

"Masks and armour are perfect metaphors for how we protect ourselves from the discomfort of vulnerability. Masks make us feel safer even when they become suffocating. Armour makes us feel stronger even when we grow weary from dragging the extra weight around. [But] the irony is that when we're standing across someone who is hidden or shielded by masks and armour, we feel frustrated and disconnected." (Brene Brown)

The good news: Jesus has come, not just so we can know God, but that...

4. We can be known by God!

The Gospel of John

John 1:43-51 (Nathanael and Jesus)

John 4 (The Samaritan woman)

John 20 (Mary Magdalene and the risen Jesus)

The Good Shepherd knows us (John 10:14-15)

And is willing to die for us

“...to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.” (Tim Keller)

When we are known by God,

- i. We become his child (Gal. 4:4-9)
- ii. God knows you by name (Isaiah 43:1, John 10:3, cf. Exodus 1:15)
- iii. we are remembered in affliction (Exod. 2:24-25)

We can now identify ourselves as those known by God (Col. 3:1-14 cf. 1 Cor 8:3)

*Live for the one who knows you inside out

Response: The Potter's Hand

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Connect cards
- Giving

Missions Sunday, 20th June

Speaker: Josh Reeve – “The Missionary Heart of God” (Deut. 4:1-14)

Friday evening, 18th June, on Zoom (**REGISTER at <https://bemkec.my/llamas>**)

“From Llamas to Christ: stories from Lorenzo and Liliana”

Come meet Lorenzo & Liliana (not their real names) as they share with us their experiences of how God used their medical training to be his instruments and support local believers in a South American country for over 15 years!

We will also hear from two young adults as they share how God is calling them in different ways to participate in his kingdom beyond Malaysia.

Saturday morning, 19th June (10-11.15am). **Get your Zoom link from HFG leaders or private message us on Facebook.**

We will spend some time receiving updates from our mission partners and praying for them.

Special fundraiser for one of our mission partners, Jimmy Lumasay (Philippines)

This year, we seek to raise RM12,000 for Pastor Jimmy to replace his present motorcycle, which is nearly at the end of its service life. Pastor Jimmy works in a rugged and hilly region. If you wish to bless this brother in Christ, please transfer to our bank account and put “FORJIMMY” in the Recipients Reference.

- **KVBC Main Conference**, July 12-14 2021, 8.15pm every evening. Speaker: Stuart Coulton. “*Heaven, Hope & Holiness*”. FREE!! For more info and to register, go to <https://bit.ly/KVBC2021>
- Video editors still needed – can you help? Get in touch with Catherine Chen or Daniel Langat.
- Prayer Meeting is **not** on this Wednesday – we encourage everyone to go to the Missions Prayer Morning on Saturday (as mentioned above) instead.

BENEDICTION

¹⁴ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- 2 Corinthians 13:14