

# John Knox Presbyterian Church

## Service for the Lord's Day

July 27, 2025

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

#### PRELUDE

**\*INTROIT: HYMN 365**     *God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!, v. 1*

MARION

***God reigns! Let earth rejoice!  
Let oceans shout God's might!  
Borne up by truth and righteousness,  
God's throne is our delight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!***

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tanya Coggin  
from Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord on our side,  
--let God's people say together--  
**If it had not been the Lord on our side  
when our enemies attacked us,  
the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us.**  
Blessed be the Lord.  
The snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
**Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

**\*HYMN 396**     *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

#### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In confidence let us claim the promise of God's mercy,  
confessing our sin before God and one another.

**God of love,  
serving you is our perfect freedom,  
yet we confess our rebellion against you.  
You call, but we do not listen.  
We pull against your guidance,  
we stray from your path,  
we fail to return your love.**

**In our sin we think ourselves free  
when we are apart from you.**

**Look upon us with mercy, God of love!  
Do not treat us according to our deserving,  
but according to your great compassion.  
Cleanse our hearts of all sin.  
Place within us the desire to serve you.  
Give us such joy in fulfilling your will  
that we may live fully to your glory alone,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*Silent Confession*

**\*LORD, HAVE MERCY**

***Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Romans 8:1-2

Friends, hear the good news!  
There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus  
has set you free from the law of sin and death.  
**We trust the promise of God's saving love:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*RESPONDING IN PRAISE**

Hymn 582, v.1

*Sing twice*

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

**LIFE AND WORK AT JOHN KNOX**

*At this time, K3s, K4s and K5s are invited to join Children's Church on the Nursery Hall for a time of learning and fun. Parents, please pick up your children there after the worship service.*

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 97  
Pew Bible p.480

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Acts 16:16-34  
Pew Bible p. 900-901

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**The Word of our God will stand forever.**

## **SERMON**

"Bound and Free"

Gordon Turnbull

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

\*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 641

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 772

TRURO

*Live into Hope, v. 4*

***Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.***

### POSTLUDE

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Bob Carson by his family.

#### Worship Team

Campbell Ballard  
Justin Cazel  
Bobby Mock  
Carter Rief  
Rob Wright

Grace Berardo  
Jacob deMaine  
Lillian Pelletier  
Caroline Robertson

Mark Britt  
Susan Felton  
Carol Phillips  
Gordon Turnbull

Luke Browder  
Parker Johnson  
Scott Reichen  
Ava Watson

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