John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day August 17, 2025



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

*INTROIT: HYMN 692 Spirit, Open My Heart, v. 3 WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 89:1-2

I will sing of your steadfast love forever, O God!

With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Your steadfast love is established forever;

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

*HYMN 401

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

GATHER US IN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting this love, let us confess our sin together.

Hear your children, Holy God, as we confess to you our sin.
You offer us the security of your love, but we seek other comforts.
You encourage us to love deeply, but we flinch from the challenge.
You seek our complete obedience, but we stray again and again from your rule.

Forgive us, Lord, we humbly pray. Write your law on our hearts, and fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we might live in righteousness and glorify you in all we do, 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

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is sure, and worthy of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

We can trust the good news of God's love:

In Jesus Christ we are freed and 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

A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND COMMISSIONING

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 133
Pew Bible p. 501

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

Pew Bible p. 958

The grass withers, the flower fades,

The Word of our God will stand forever.

SERMON "Practicing Life Together" Gordon Turnbull

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p.35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Solo Rise, Shine! arr. Marques L.A. Garrett

Tom Trenney

*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 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 300

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We Are One in the Spirit, v. 1

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

POSTLUDE

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Wilcox, step-daughter of Barbara Skumautz, who died on June 24.

Worship Team

Grace Berardo Jacob deMaine Carol Phillips Gordon Turnbull Rob Wright Mark Britt Susan Felton Scott Reichen Ava Watson

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