

John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
September 7, 2025



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. Larry Wolz

***INTROIT: HYMN 718**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said, v. 1

BOURBON

*Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 29:1-2, 9, 11

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor!

In God's temple all say "Glory!"

May the Lord bless the people with peace!

***HYMN 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Relying on God's grace,
let us confess our sin together.

**God of costly love,
it was not enough for you
to take on human flesh and form,
to live with us.
It was not enough for you
to live humbly, without power,
and share rich blessings with those on the margins.
To conquer our sin, you accepted its penalty.
To offer us life, you suffered death.**

**Forgive us, Lord, when we forget the cost of your love.
Forgive us, Lord, when we act as those who do not know you.
Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to stand with you in your service.
Give us a new heart and a right spirit,
that we might live for you, to your glory.**

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**

from Romans 5:8

Friends, hear the good news!
The proof of God's amazing love is this:
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!
We can trust the promise 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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Susan Felton

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Pew Bible p. 163

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 14:25-33
Pew Bible p. 850

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

SERMON

"Counting the Cost"

Gordon Turnbull

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
Hymnal, p.35

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*

arr. Kevin Hildebrand

*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.***

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and our greatest joy,
to give you thanks and praise . . .

LORD'S PRAYER ("debts...debtors")

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN 224**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 761**

BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service, v. 1

***Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.***

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Diademata"
(Crown Him with Many Crowns)*

Gordon Young

Bulletin art: *Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus, 5th Station of the Cross*, by Martin Feuerstein, 1898.

Worship Team

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