

# John Knox Presbyterian Church

## Service for the Lord's Day September 14, 2025



### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

#### PRELUDE

*Crown Him Lord of All!*

Gilbert M. Martin

#### \*INTROIT: HYMN 336

*We Gather Together, v. 1*

KREMSER

***We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.***

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

**we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever;  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

#### \*HYMN 610

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Trusting God's mercy and grace,  
let us confess our sins together.

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own  
hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus,  
our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may love a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*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 Eph. 1:7

Friends, hear the good news:  
In Christ we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace.  
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

Sarah Brand

*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

Psalm 14  
Pew Bible p. 430

#### ANTHEM

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Mack Wilberg

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 15:1-10  
Pew Bible p. 850

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

#### SERMON

"Sheep, Not Dogs"

Carter Rief

### 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

*Meditation*

arr. Frank W. Asper

\*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 442**

*Just as I Am, without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 436**

O QUANTA QUALIA

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us, v. 2*

***Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,  
stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.  
Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us,  
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.***

**POSTLUDE**

*Finale*

arr. Drummond Wolf

### Worship Team

Mark Britt  
Susan Felton  
Carol Phillips  
Gordon Turnbull

Luke Browder  
Parker Johnson  
Scott Reichen  
Ava Watson

Justin Cazel  
Kristine Lee  
Carter Rief  
Rob Wright

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