

# John Knox Presbyterian Church

## Service for the Lord's Day September 21, 2025



### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

#### PRELUDE

*Thou Art Worthy*

arr. Tim Doran

#### \*INTROIT: HYMN 436

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us, v. 1*

O QUANTA QUALIA

***God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,  
giver of grace for our needs all availing.  
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,  
patience untiring and courage unfailing.***

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113:1-3

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time on and forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**Praise the Lord!**

#### \*HYMN 4

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Trusting God's mercy,  
let us confess our sin.

For all the times and all the ways  
we have resisted your rule in our lives,

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

For seeking our salvation through lesser things;  
for standing in the pride of our own power;  
for insisting on our own tired, broken ways  
instead of embracing your life-giving Way;

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

For our narrow vision of your expansive love;  
for our stinginess with your extravagant grace;

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Free us from our sin, loving God.**

**Lead us in the new life you give us.**

**Make us useful and joyful**

**in the service of 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**

Psalm 103:8, 10, 13

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**God does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God.

**We can trust the promise of God's 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

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We celebrate the baptism of Lila Elle Robinson, daughter of Walter Robinson.

*After the baptism, 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 113  
Pew Bible p. 491

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
Pew Bible p. 850-851

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

#### SERMON

"The Prodigal Father"

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 Anthem

*Come Home*

Craig Courtney

\*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 649**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 697**

HENDON

*Take My Life, v. 1*

***Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise***

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

George Frederik Handel

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### Worship Team

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