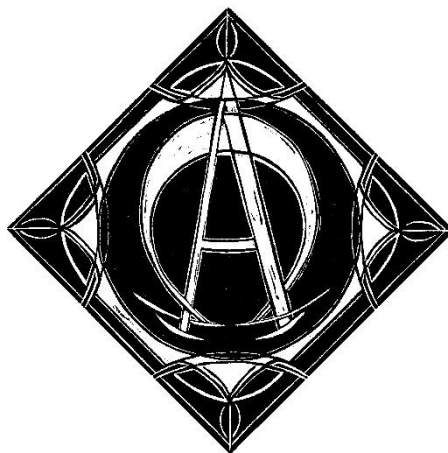


John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

July 26, 2026



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

Largo

George Frideric Handel

*INTROIT: HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, v. 1

HYFRYDOL

***Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Adamson

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICALA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God never forgets God's promises,
God's covenant endures in each new generation.
We are free to speak the truth about our lives
because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts.

**We confess that we have turned away from you
and have not lived with upright hearts.
Guide our feet to walk in your ways
and serve your world
to the glory of your 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**

Your sins are forgiven; be at peace,
for all things work together for good
for those who love God.

Thanks be to God!

***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

2 Kings 13:14-21
Pew Bible p. 301

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 9:18-24
Pew Bible p. 842

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

SERMON

"Not Hobson's Choice"

Ewen Holmes

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967 (9.21)

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of [humankind].
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for [all]
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to [all],
moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Ave Verum

Charles Gounod

*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 169**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 748**

TALLIS' CANON

Go, with Us, Lord

***Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.***

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Gordon Young

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

Worship Team

Mark Britt
Ewen Holmes
Carol Phillips
Ava Watson

Justin Cazel
Parker Johnson
Scott Reichen
Rob Wright

Jacob deMaine
Kristine Lee
Carter Rief

Susan Felton
Bobby Mock
Caroline Robertson

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