

John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

August 16, 2026



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

*Prelude Du Cinquieme Ton
Prelude of the Fifth Tone*

Guillaume-Gabriel Nivers

*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

You, who are many, are transformed
to become one in Christ.

**We, who are many, are called to worship God,
the Three in One.
Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 401

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

GATHER US IN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help,
we come before the Lord,
confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

**Holy God,
we confess we have not been obedient
to your will for us.
We have sought justice for ourselves
but neglected justice for others.
We have insisted on our rights
but have not lived rightly in our relationships.
We have desired mercy for our sins,
but we have not offered mercy for those
who have sinned against us.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
free us from the prison of our disobedience.
Help us to love as you have loved us
that our lives may testify to your abounding grace
through Jesus Christ. 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**

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
we would now be lost to sin.
But it is the Lord who is on our side.
And so we are forgiven.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
So, 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

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 46
Pew Bible p. 450

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

SERMON

"Cats in Cradles...Rabbits Running Late"

Ewen Holmes

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967 (9.24)

[Our] new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips [us] for [our] ministries.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem

Peace Like a River

arr. Philip E. Baker

*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 819**

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 408**

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit, v. 1 and refrain

***There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.***

POSTLUDE

Trumpet March

Jeremiah Clarke

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Ann Collavo by her family.

Worship Team

Mark Britt
Stephen Gusukuma
Bobby Mock
Caroline Robertson

Justin Cazel
Ewen Holmes
Carol Phillips
Ava Watson

Jacob deMaine
Parker Johnson
Scott Reichen
Rob Wright

Susan Felton
Kristine Lee
Carter Rief

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