

Knightsville Methodist
Order of Worship
Traditional Worship Service
March 1, 2026
8:45 a.m.

Welcome		DH
Prayer of Transformation		DH
Call to Worship	How Great Is Our God (OGRP #31)	Chancel Choir
Hymn of Faith	To God Be the Glory (OGRP #531) (All Verses)	Chancel Choir & Congregation
Prayers of the Church		PR
Words of Wisdom	Psalm 103:8-12	Cynthia Crawford
Anthem of Hope	High Upon a Mountain	Chancel Choir
Doxology / Blessing of the Offering		Jim Vaughn
Hymn of Love	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (OGRP #216) Chancel Choir vs.1, Congregation vs. 2 & 3	
Mission Moment	“Commit to Christ”	Jeff Karns
Word of God	John 8:1-11	Jim Lowe
Spiritual Vitamin	EASTER IS FOR EVERYONE “Easter is for the Guilty”	
Going Forth Blessing		PR

Prayer of Transformation

Leader: Lord, You are “*compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*” You do not treat us as our sins deserve.

People: Transform us by Your mercy, O God.

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far have You removed our transgressions from us. Teach us to live as people who are truly forgiven.

People: Transform us by Your mercy, O God.

Leader: Jesus, like the woman caught in the act, we stand before You with our brokenness exposed. Yet You do not condemn us – You lift us.

People: Transform us by Your grace, O Christ.

Leader: Where others see failure, You see a future. Where others throw stones, You extend compassion. Where others shame, You restore.

People: Transform us by Your grace, O Christ.

Leader: You speak the words that change everything: “*Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more.*” May Your voice be louder than our guilt, our past, and our fear.

People: Transform us by Your truth, O Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, shape us into people who walk in newness of life. Make us merciful as we have received mercy. Make us forgiving as we have been forgiven. Make us whole as You make us holy.

People: Transform us by Your Spirit, O Lord.

Leader: God of compassion, God of restoration, God of new beginnings – Do in us what only You can do.

People: Transform us completely, for Your glory. Amen

Words of Wisdom - Psalm 103:8-12

Today's words of wisdom, being read from the New International Version, come to us from Psalm 103, verses 8 through 12.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

This Psalm gives us one of the clearest windows into the heart of God. King David doesn't describe a distant judge or a cold ruler — he describes a God whose love bends toward us with compassion.

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." (Psalm 103:8)

This is not a God who reacts quickly or harshly. He is patient with our weakness, gentle with our failures, and faithful even when we are not. His mercy is not measured in teaspoons but in oceans.

David goes further:

- God does not treat us as our sins deserve
- God does not repay us according to our iniquities
- God's love is as high as the heavens
- God removes our sins as far as the east is from the west

East and west never meet — that's how completely God separates us from our past. His forgiveness is not partial, probationary, or fragile. It is total. It is freeing. It is transforming. This is the kind of mercy that doesn't just pardon us — it reshapes us. When we truly receive God's compassion, we begin to live differently. We become slower to anger, quicker to forgive, and more generous with grace because we have tasted it ourselves.

Psalm 103 invites us to breathe again — to rest in a love that refuses to give up on us. What a blessing that is.

People: We offer up our thanks and praise thanks for God's Holy Word. Amen, Amen , and Amen!

Word of God - John 8:1-11

Today's Word of God comes to us from the New Living Translation Bible.

Now hear the word of the Lord.

Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

"Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"

They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"

"No, Lord," she said.

And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.