

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of the covenant,
in our baptism you called us
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
Give us courage like you gave the apostles,
that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace
in every circumstance of life,
in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Why do we come to worship God?

We come seeking a blessing from our Lord.

What is this blessing that we seek?

**We seek an encounter with our God,
who washes us in mercy, calls us to service, and fills us with love.**

Let us worship God together.

*SONG OF PRAISE What a Fellowship, What a Love Divine Hymnal, No. 837

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

It is only by the power of God
that we are able to stand against evil.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning.
Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world:
when we choose selfishness over compassion;
what feels comfortable rather than what is right;
when we strive for success instead of faithfulness;
when we value independence over community.
Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.
Free us to try again,
and let your love lead the way.**

(Time of silent reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Page No. 943

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes
of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to
the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more
than enough of contempt.

**Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at
ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:1-13

Page No. 817

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Traveling Light

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

Hymnal, No. 511

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith using words
adapted from the Confession of 1967.

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ**

in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.
Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Standing on the Promises Hymnal, No. 838

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for July 11: Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Psalm 24; Complementary: Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29.

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing in the next weeks as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

Food & Shelter items are being collected in the box outside the office.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

We are happy to be back worshipping in person! This gives us the opportunity to again collect food and clothing to provide these necessary resources to members of our community.

Clothing: The First Baptist Church has notified us that they need the following items. As you know, they serve the clients of Food and Shelter, and others. If you can donate any of these items, please leave them by the Food collection box outside Tracy's office: Men's shorts, men's shoes, especially athletic shoes, men's jeans waist sizes 30-36, women's athletic shoes, women's bras (preferably new but gently used with readable tags are also ok), women's summer shirts, ankle cuff socks (men or women), sweat-pants

Food: Please leave any non-perishable items in the food box.

Thank you for your support of our mission endeavors during our (too long) time away from our church home.

511 Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven
2 All is read - y, come at - tend Al - le - lu - ia!
3 All who trust in God be - long
4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mor - tal flesh been given.
as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend;
at this ban - quet with this throng. Al - le - lu - ia!
here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God de - clared:
come from north, west, south, and east;
Share the mys - tic ho - ly food; Al - le - lu - ia!
here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."
cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast. Al - le - lu - ia!
taste and see: the Lord is good.
All who share God's feast are blessed.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are interspersed between the musical staves.

Though rightly viewed as a meal of remembrance, the Lord's Supper is also an occasion of anticipation. This text draws on abundant biblical imagery to evoke the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to share the feast anew "in the kingdom of God" (Matthew 26:29/Mark 14:25/Luke 22:16).

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fail,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.