

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty God, we thank you
for planting in us the seed of your Word.

By your Holy Spirit,
help us to receive it with joy,
and live according to it,
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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

We worship God with song and dance,
singing God's praise and shouting for joy.
We worship God with silence and sighs,
grieving for loss and longing for comfort.
We worship God with prayers and hands,
praying for healing and working for peace.
Let us create a sabbath space
and worship the God who gives us life.

*SONG OF PRAISE

God of Great and God of Small

Hymnal, No. 19

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.
We know that you call your people to lives of service and works of justice.

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives
just loud enough to drown out your call.
Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days
just busy enough to convince ourselves
that we have a righteous excuse.**

We know that you work for the healing of all that is broken in the world.

**Heal us, O Lord, of our blindness by your grace.
Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again.**

(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

Ephesians 1:3-14

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:14-29

Page No. 817

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Greatly Perplexed

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Healer of Our Every Ill

Hymnal, No. 795

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

*The offering plates are in the narthex.
You are invited to make an offering as you depart today.*

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

For All the Saints

Hymnal, No. 326

*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 18: Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37; Complementary Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

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.

19 God of Great and God of Small

C F C F G

1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,

C F C Am G Dsus D G

God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain

Am Em F C/E Dm G C

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Refrain

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

795

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through

thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

to stanza 4