

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Living Bread,

You are the answer to our hunger. You are as simple and near to us as a loaf of bread on the kitchen counter; you are as vast and transcendent as manna scattered on the ground. Invite us deeper into your mystery.

Let us taste the life you offer. Transform our hunger into action, our eating into praise. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus  
David Marvel, Organist

Helen Lemmel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.  
Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

**The works of God are all around us.**

**Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.**

We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful.  
we are people of the covenant, gathered to please God.

**Holy and awesome is God's name.**

**The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.**

Come, then, as wise and faithful people.  
Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

**We are amazed that God remembers us.**

**We reach out to the God who cares for us.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal, No. 35

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

**O Lord, you are near to the brokenhearted, and you save the crushed in spirit. Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness. You are near to people who are hurting, but we keep our distance to avoid hard conversations. You envision a world where all needs are met, but we hoard our possessions and cling to our power. Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness. By your mercy, forgive our sins. By your grace, 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

Jim Rodriguez

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.

**He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.**

Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:56-69

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

To Whom Can We Go?

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Hymnal, No. 69

\*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:... O God, keep your promise.

**You have the words of life.**

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; those who are worshiping with us on-line will find information on giving on the church website, [www.memorialpres.org](http://www.memorialpres.org) .*

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

O God, Who Gives Us Life

Hymnal, No. 53

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Postlude BWV 927

JS Bach

\*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 August 29: Semicontinuous: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Complementary: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

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 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.

# 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

The first system of music consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics for three parts. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4.

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

The second system of music continues the vocal and piano parts from the first system. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

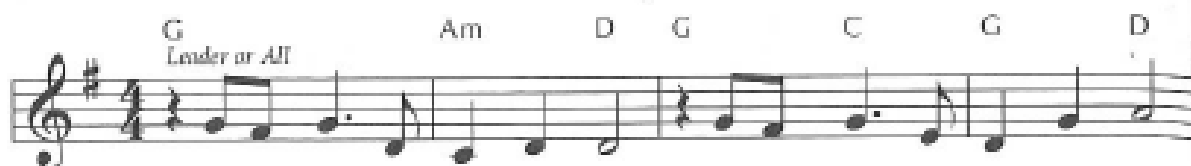
The third system of music continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

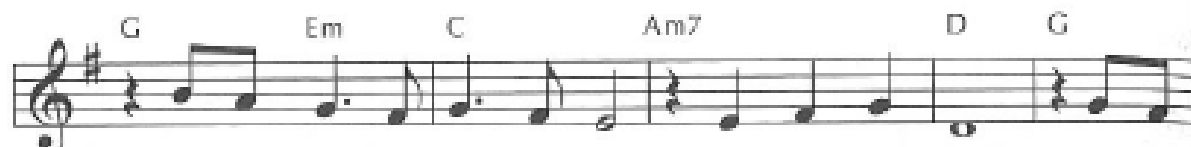
The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff. The piano part ends with a final chord.

## I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

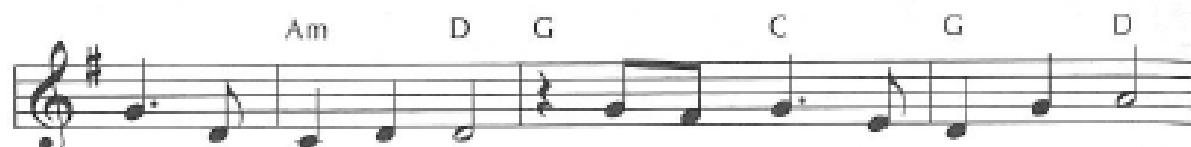
Here I Am, Lord



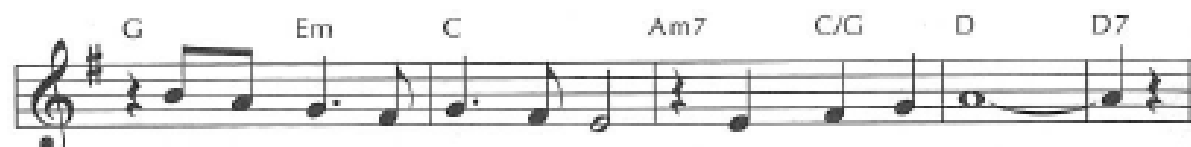
1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



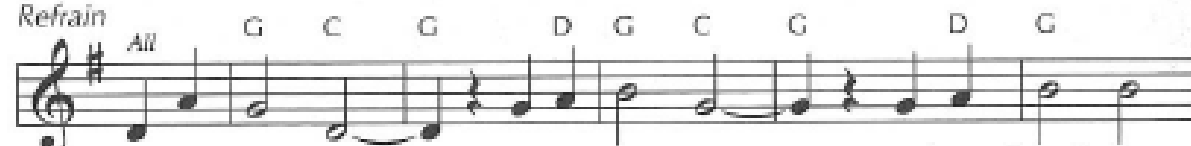
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



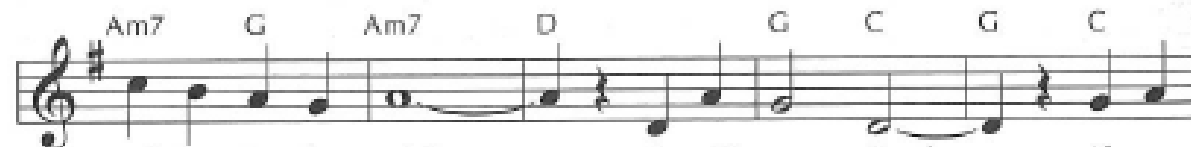
made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



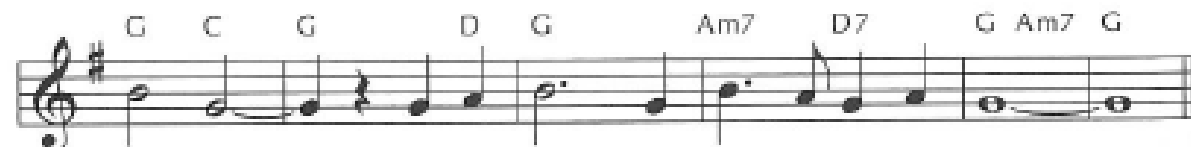
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

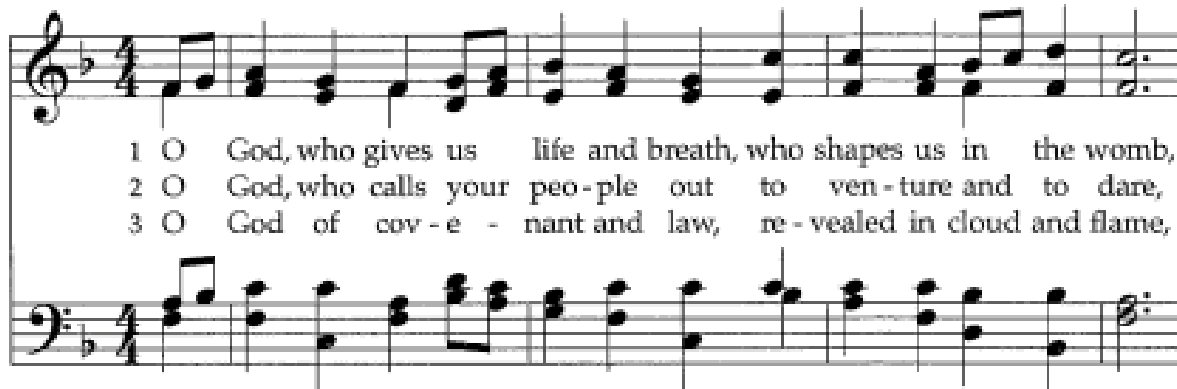


call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

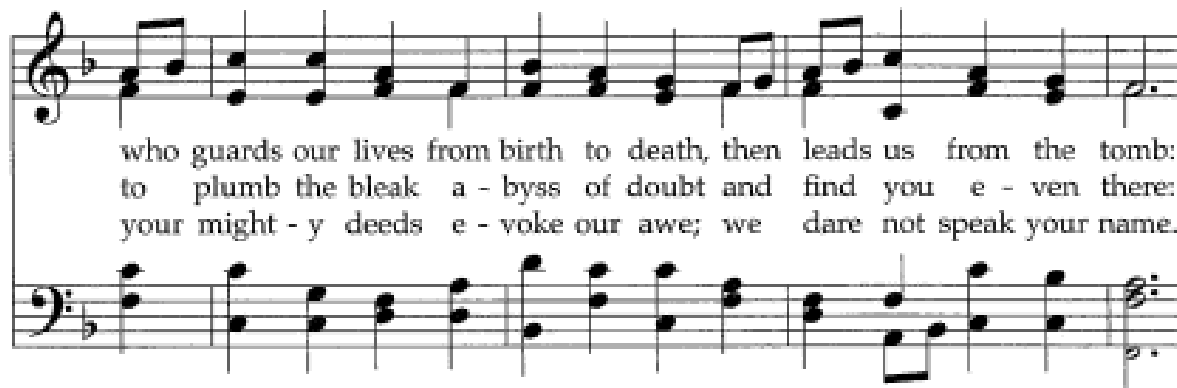


lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

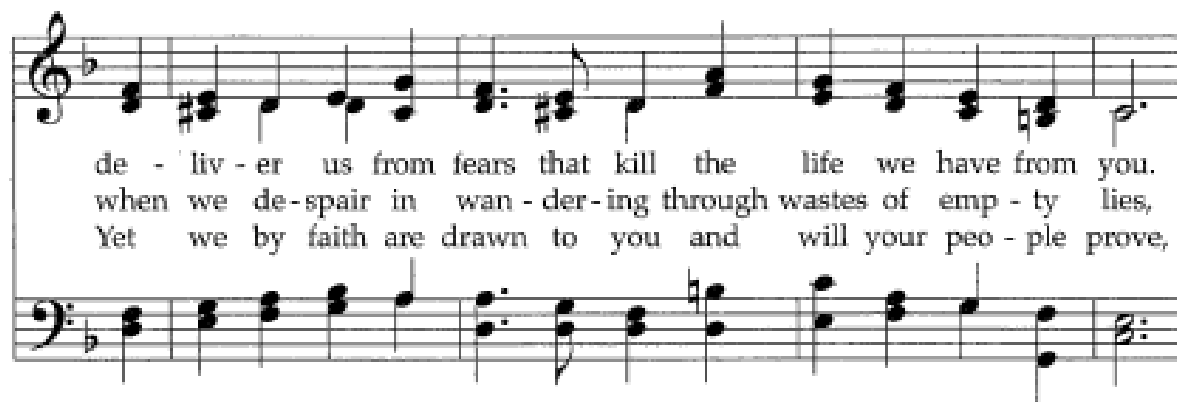
## O God, Who Gives Us Life



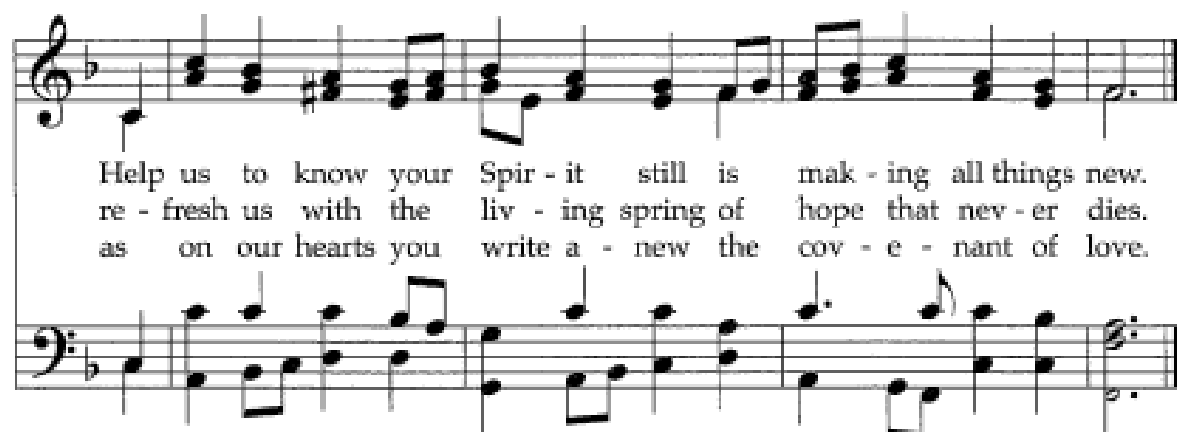
1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,  
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re-vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
 when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.