

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

*CONFESSON AND PARDON

Tusting 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

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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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.*

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

Music for the first stanza in treble clef, common time, key signature of one flat. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

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 -

Music for the second stanza in bass clef, common time, key signature of one flat. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

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

Music for the third stanza in treble clef, common time, key signature of one flat. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

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

Music for the fourth stanza in bass clef, common time, key signature of one flat. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

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.

Music for the fifth stanza in bass clef, common time, key signature of one flat. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Leader or All Am D G C G D

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.

G Em C Am7 D G

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

Am D G C G D

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.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

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

All G C G D G C G D G

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

Am7 G Am7 D G C C G C

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

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

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

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

A musical score for two voices. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one flat. The music consists of quarter notes and eighth notes.

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
3 O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,

A continuation of the musical score for two voices. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one flat. The music consists of quarter notes and eighth notes.

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who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

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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,

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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.

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