

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty God,
you call your church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Vince Leseney

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked, and Peter answered, "The Messiah."

Let us worship the One who is our savior
and follow in Christ's path of love

***SONG OF PRAISE** Open My Eyes, That I May See Hymnal, No. 451

*CONFESSİON AND PARDON

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

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you:
to carry the truth of your justice like a banner
and bear the yoke of life as your servant.
We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves.
We draw away from the imagery of the cross,
forgetting that, in you, it has become a source of glory.
Forgive us, O God, and call us once more
to set aside our selfishness and follow in your 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

Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 116:1-9

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Profit and Loss Statement

Tracy Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Though I May Speak

Hymnal, No. 693

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**
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 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song Hymnal, No. 737

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Be thou my vision Eleanor Hull

*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 September 19: Semicontinuous: Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalm 1; Complementary: Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

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.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.

3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!



Though I May Speak

The Gift of Love

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1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;

and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound-ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange-ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

737 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Jésus, je voudrais te chanter



1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



I'll tell ev - ery - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - ily you saved by your love,

