

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Creator God,  
you have filled the world with beauty.  
Open our eyes to behold  
your gracious hand in all your works;  
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,  
we may learn to serve you with gladness;  
for the sake of him by whom all things were made,  
your Son 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

PRELUDE	Lord, Have Mercy David Marvel, Organist	Swee Hong Lim
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*CALL TO WORSHIP		Vince Leseney
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(LBO) Please rise in body or spirit for the Call to Worship.  
Which of the commandments is first of all?  
**The Lord is our God. The Lord is one!**  
And the second is this:  
**love your neighbor as yourself.**  
As we gather to worship God, let us remember:  
**there is no other commandment greater than these.**

*SONG OF PRAISE	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	Hymnal, No. 65
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### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.  
**O God, you have been faithful,  
yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts.  
You showed us how to love our fellow human beings,  
yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Turn us back to you, O God,  
that we may follow your commandments;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**  
*(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
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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Jessica Farris

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-18

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 119:1-8

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,**

who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

**You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.**

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

**Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:28-34

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Walk In Love

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Lord of All Good

Hymnal, No. 711

\*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: Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven***

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG

Spirit, Open My Heart

Hymnal, No. 692

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The blessing of the one God—

Spirit, Son, and Father—

be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

**Go forth into the world**

**with compassion and with justice in your heart.**

**Give voice to the silent, strength to the weak.**

**See one another, hear one another,**

**care for one another and love one another.**

**It's all that easy and it's all that hard.**

\*POSTLUDE

Great Are You, Lord Michael and Deborah Smith

\*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 November 7: Semicontinuous: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127; Complementary: 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

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.


The Food & Shelter items of the month for October is **cereal and laundry soap (preferably pods)**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table

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

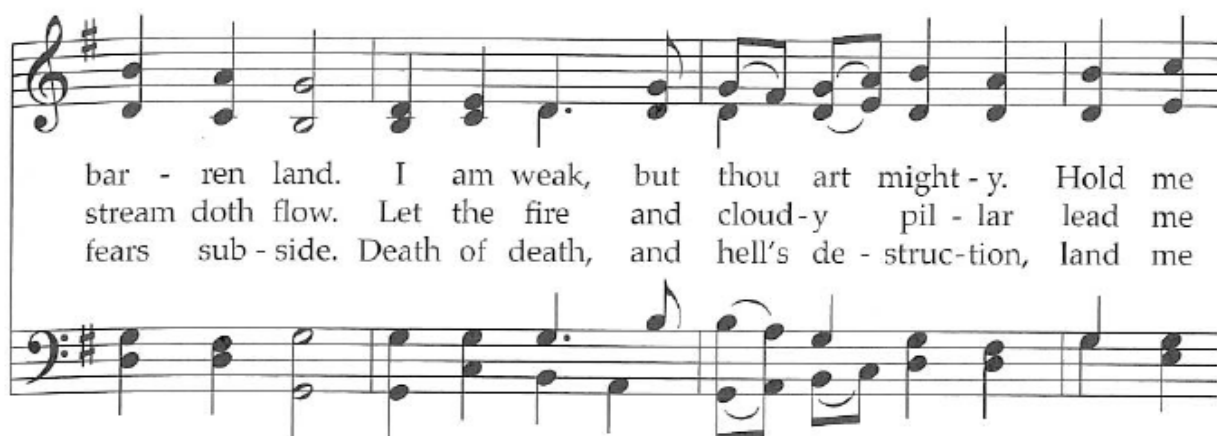
**Kids Club is coming back!** We will be starting kids club Wednesday November 3rd. Please email the church office at [mempres1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mempres1@sbcglobal.net) or call the office 405-329-3640 if you need help arranging after school pick-up. Also, we would appreciate any volunteers to help with after school pick-ups or during Kids Club.

**Next Sunday, November 7**, we will honor those saints who have gone before us in our All Saints Worship.

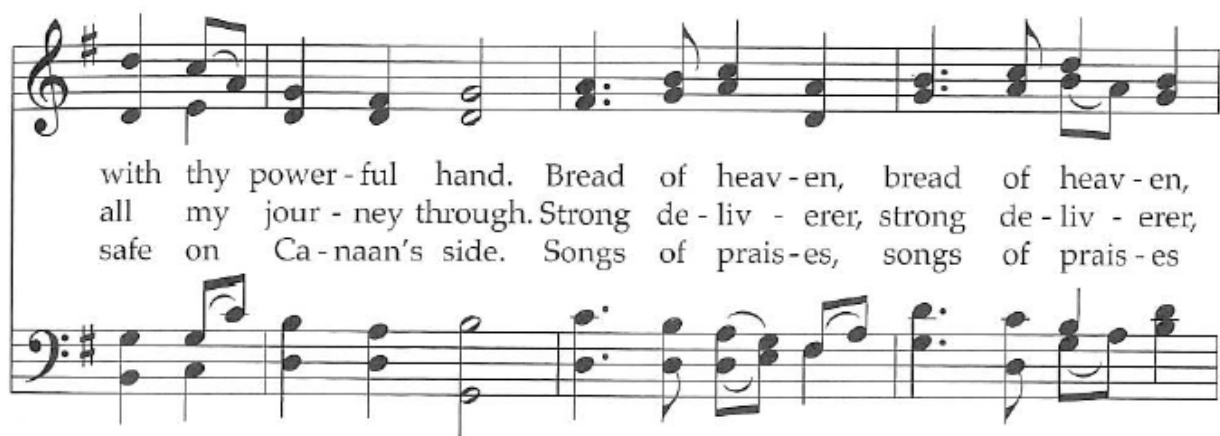
# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



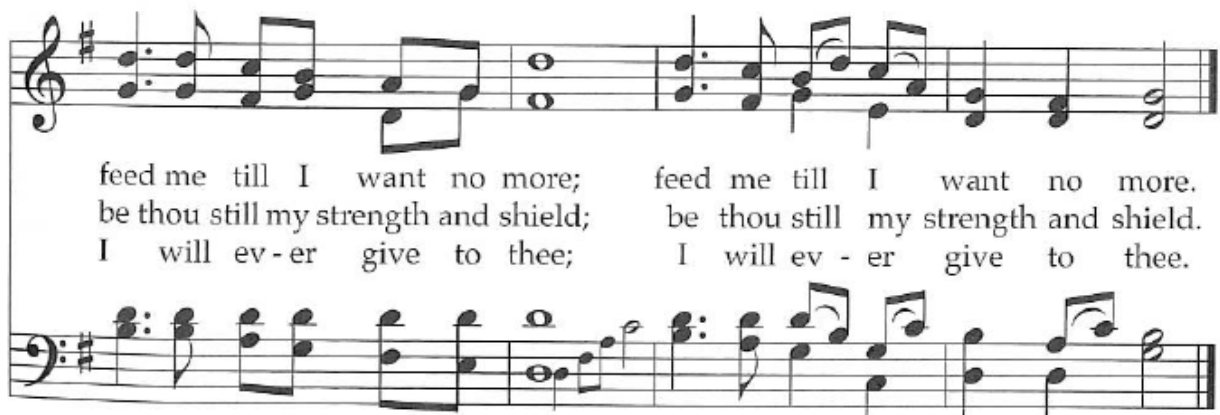
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

## Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;  
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,  
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;  
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,  
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,  
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.  
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.  
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

## Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
 Refrain F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
 C7 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>2 G<sup>b</sup>

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.