Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of love, you who created us in love, and for love, fill us with your love.

Fill us to overflowing with love even for those we oppose or dislike.

Fill us with the self-giving love of Christ.

Give us hearts of peace, not war.

God of love, fill us with your love. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus David Marvel, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

God of life, we need you.

Sown in weakness, we come to you.

You love us, bless us, and set us free.

Raised in power, we thank you.

Receive our lives and transform them in your love.

Raised in one spiritual, body, we worship you.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! Hymnal, No. 258

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

O Christ,

the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagining.

The economy of our love is stingy and crooked.

We invest love where it can be repaid.

We spend mercy where it yields gain.

We advance blessing we can bank on.

We hold grudges with interest.

We do all of this with no recognition

of how deeply indebted we are to you.

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,

we pray with our whole hearts.

(Time of silent reflection)

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*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

Mike Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Page No. 37

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:27-38 Page No. 838

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Forgiveness Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH O God in a Mysterious Way Hymnal, No. 30

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross,

and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.
Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response...O God of grace, bless us with peace.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lead On, O King Eternal!

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Help Us Accept Each Other Hymnal, No. 754

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*Please rise in body or spirit.

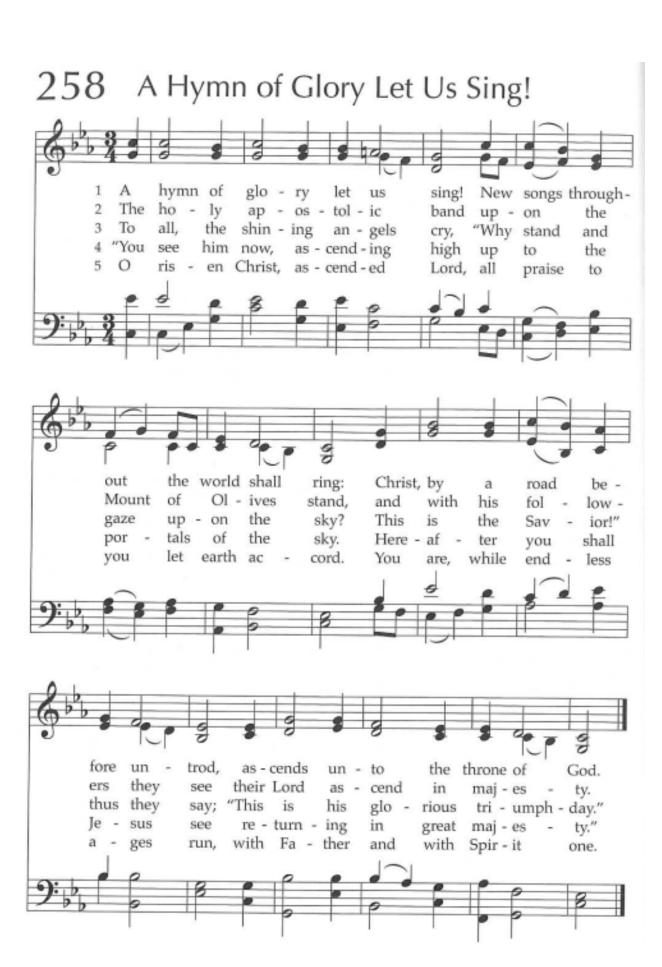
We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for February 27: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a).

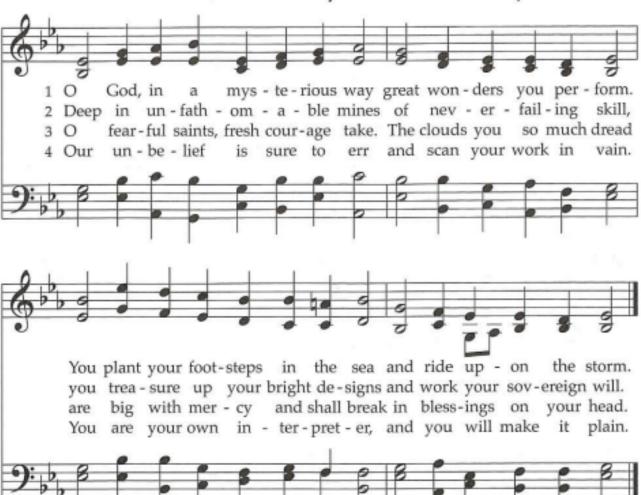
We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **February is cereal.** 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.



30 O God, in a Mysterious Way



Help Us Accept Each Other 754



- 1 Help us ac cept each oth er as Christ ac cept-ed us;
- 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les sons, as in our dai ly life
- 3 Let your ac cep tance change us, so that we may be moved
- 4 Lord, for to-day's en coun-ters with all who are in need,



teach us sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son as to em - brace. we strug - gle be hu - man and search for to hope and faith. liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love: ac - cep-tance, for jus - tice who hun - ger for and for bread,



pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring Be be - lieve us to Teach us care for peo - ple, for to all, not just for some, prac - tice your ac - cep-tance un - til we know by heart new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing



we are our-selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.

to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.

the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.

re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!