



## Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

**FULL TO THE BRIM: Under God's Wing**

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of all creation,  
as a hen gathers her chicks together,  
so we gather here to worship  
within the safety and warmth of your wings.  
We look to you to know what righteousness is.  
We listen to you that we might know which path to take.  
Open our eyes and our ears that we may follow you well.  
May we see your promises more brightly than we do the stars  
and hear your good news more clearly  
than the noise that inhabits our lives.  
We are here, God, watching and listening.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather  
David Marvel, Organist

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

If God is a hen,  
**we are under God's wing.**  
If God is a table,  
**we each have a seat.**  
If God is a house,  
**we are safe from the storm.**  
If God is a party,  
**we're invited to dance.**  
If God is a melody,  
**our names are the lyrics.**  
If this is God's house,  
**then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.**  
Let us worship Holy god.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal, No. 49

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,  
**"I will keep on."**  
**I will keep on healing.**  
**I will keep on teaching.**  
**I will keep on preaching.**  
**I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.**  
**I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.**  
**I will keep on believing that this world can change.**  
**I will keep on**  
**and keep on**  
**and keep on until God's promised day.**  
**Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop.**  
**Amen.**  
*(Time of silent reflection)*

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

So rest in this good news:  
**No matter what we do wrong or what we leave undone, we are under**  
**God's wing.**  
**We are loved, held, and forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that!**  
**Amen.**

\*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

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner

Hymnal, No. 3, verse 4

Mother, Brother, holy Partner;  
Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
We would praise your name forever,  
one-in-three and three-in-one.  
We would share your life, your passion,

share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising,  
one with all, and one with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Page No. 10

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-35

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Under God's Wing

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Hymnal, p. 213

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The Lord is my light.  
The Lord surrounds me  
like a warm, familiar quilt,  
in layers of grace.  
Whom shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the sturdy foundation  
and the roof over my head.  
I am not afraid.**

**When the world is at its worst—  
when grief clings to my bones,  
when fear eats at my confidence,  
when loneliness moves into my house—  
God sets the table,  
turns on the lights,  
and invites me to dance.**

**So even though there are days  
that feel like too much to bear,**

**I know—I am not alone.  
So I ask the Lord,  
I seek and I pray—  
let me live in your house  
all of my days. Amen.**

*A Modern Paraphrase of Psalm 27*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer  
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

There in God's Garden

\*DOXOLOGY

For the Beauty of the Earth Hymnal, No. 14, verse 1

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love with from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG                      Blest Be the Tie that Binds                      Hymnal, No. 306

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE                      Come like Driving Wind, O God

\*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 March 20: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

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 **March is peanut butter**. 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.

## 49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

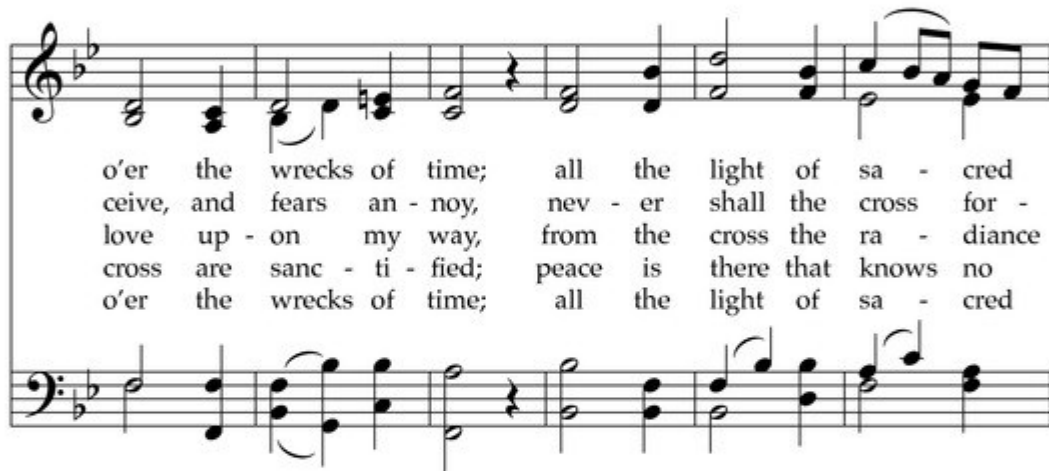
we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

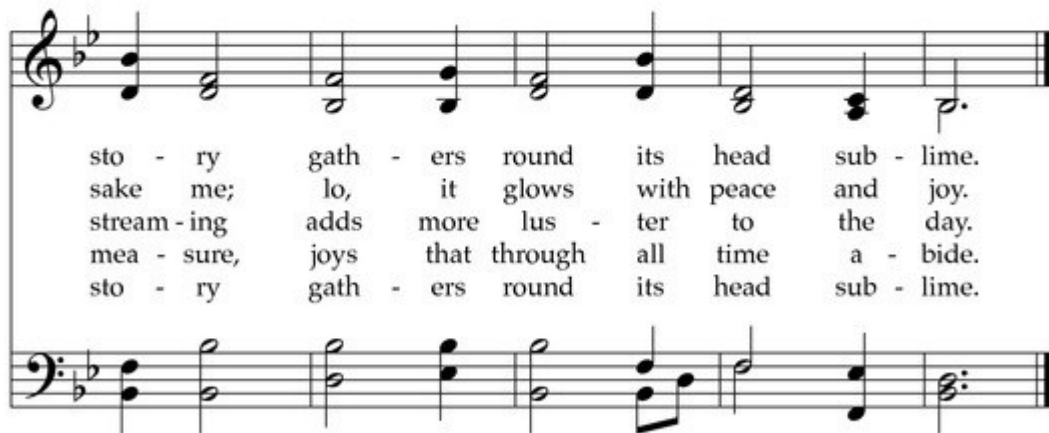
## In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no  
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be  
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.