



## Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY 2

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

**FULL TO THE BRIM: You Are Worthy**

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Loving God,  
your thoughts are not our thoughts,  
and your ways are not our ways,  
yet your patience with us is great  
and your love for us even greater.  
You have been our help in times of trouble—  
tending to us and caring for us.  
Gather us beneath your wings now  
that we might feel safe,  
and in the warmth of that safety  
find the strength to be vulnerable,  
honest,  
repentant,  
and joyful.  
Clinging to you,  
we join our hearts and minds for worship  
with the help of your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come into God's Presence     David Marvel, Organist

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are thirsty.

**Come, all who are seeking.**

Come, all who are waiting.

**Come, all who labor.**

Come, all who need rest.

**Come, all who dream dreams.**

Come—

whether you're young or old,

confident or curious,

lonely or hopeful.

**This is God's house. All are welcome here.**

**Let us worship holy God.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE      Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy      Hymnal, No. 415

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Holy God,**

**we treat our self-worth like something that can be bought at a store;**

**but you know this even better than we do.**

**Instead of trusting that we are made good,**

**instead of trusting that we are loved exactly as we are,**

**we stockpile our value in earthly things—**

**in trophies and awards, in likes and follows, in wealth and power.**

**Forgive us for creating our own measuring stick.**

**Heal our open wounds and tell our hearts that we won't be forgotten if we slow down.**

**We won't be forgotten if we rest. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Say it with me—

**We are loved. We are claimed.**

**We are under God's wing. We are worthy of grace.**

**We belong to God. 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

Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

Page No. 598

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 62:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
**when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:1-9

Page No. 848

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MESSAGE

You Are Worthy

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymnal, p. 435

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe**

**that the God of the cosmos is at work here.**

**We believe that God is fertilizing the soil.**

**We believe that God is planting roots.**

**We believe that God is growing fruit that is yet to be tasted.**

**But until that promised day**

**when the fig tree stands tall and swords are beaten into plowshares,**

**we believe:**

**when our work does not bear fruit,**

**God still loves us.**

**When our soil grows dry and cracked,**

**God still longs for us.**

**When all seems hopeless here on earth,**

**God holds hope for us.**

**The God of the cosmos is at work here.  
We believe. Help our unbelief.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...In your mercy, O God, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Just as I Am, without One Plea

\*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

O God, You Are My God  
*(sing through twice)*

Hymnal, No. 743

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Come! Live in the Light!

\*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 27: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

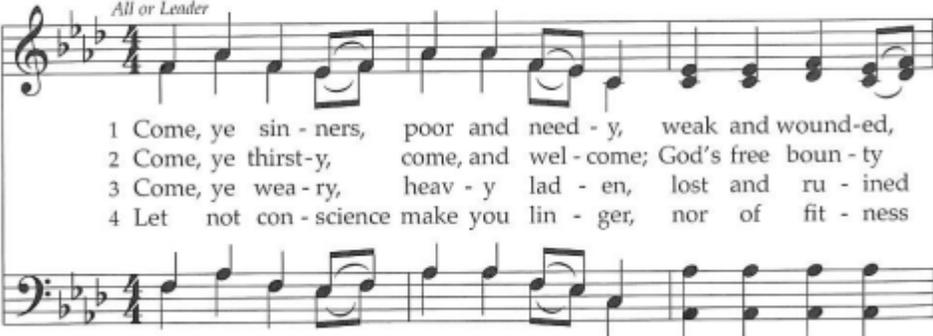
We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please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

# 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*All or Leader*

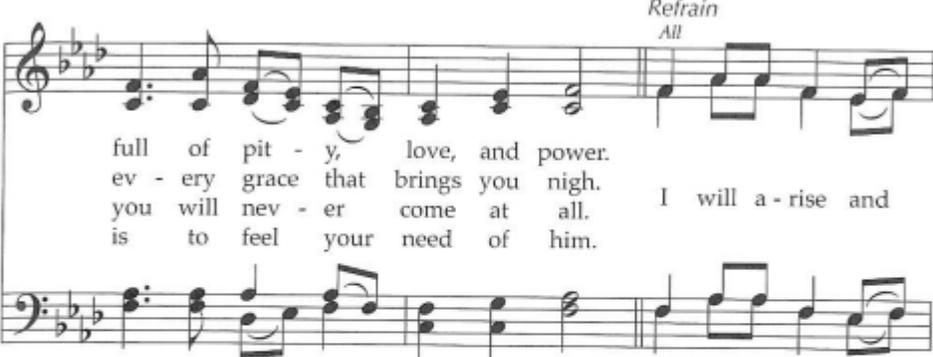


1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,  
2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty  
3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined  
4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

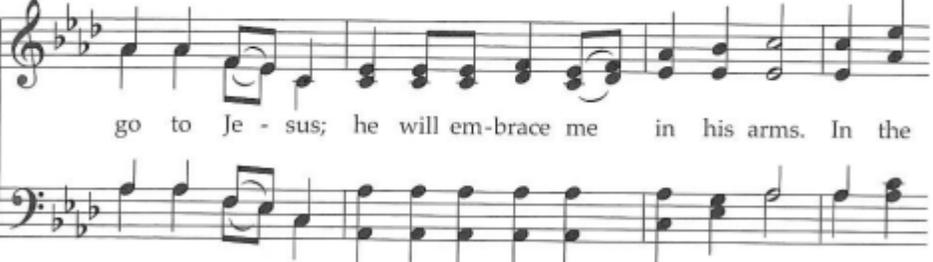


sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

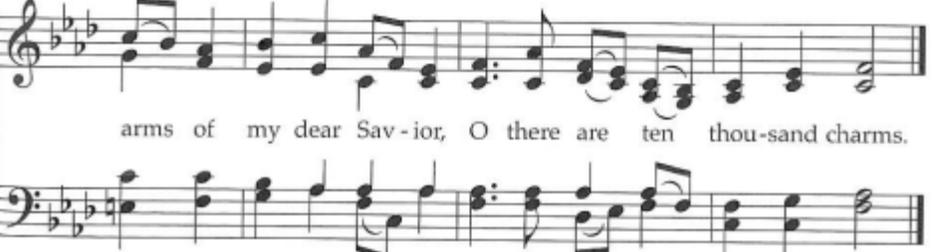
*Refrain*  
*All*



full of pit - y, love, and power.  
ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and  
you will nev - er come at all.  
is to feel your need of him.



go to Je - sus; he will em - brace me in his arms. In the



arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

# 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with two verses indicated by the numbers 1 and 2. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

# O God, You Are My God 743

Step by Step



O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise



you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise



you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will



learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead



me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

