



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

FULL TO THE BRIM: Brazen Acts of Beauty

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Mighty God, we gather today—
insider and outcast, resurrecting and resurrected—
grateful that you receive our whole selves.
We give thanks and declare your praises
as a people formed by your hand
and called in by your love.
In the name of the one who continually
invites us closer by your love:
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

David Marvel, organist

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

May we find courage here—

courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

May we find hope here—

hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

May we find truth here—

truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

May we find all that we seek.

And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Life Every Voice and Sing

Hymnal, No. 339

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jesus of Nazareth,

we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed me. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We

want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things we pray, amen. (*Time of silent reflection*)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, hear this good news:

Even in our silence, **God loves us.**

Even in our fear or shame, **God chooses us.**

Even when we sin, **God wraps us in grace.**

You are free—to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God called you to be.

Thanks be 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

Tim Thiessen

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Page No. 586

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

Page No. 874

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Brazen Acts of Beauty

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

Hymnal, p. 509

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in beauty—

beauty pulled into being by our Creator,

beauty that catches our breath,

beauty that turns us toward awe.

I believe in courage—

courage to believe,

courage to stand up for the people we love,

courage to love without hesitation.

I believe in the Holy Spirit

who prays for us when we cannot,

who is brave for us when we are not.

I believe in Jesus Christ

who stood up for Mary,

who quieted the voice of critique,

who welcomed every bid for relationship.

I believe in God.

I believe in God who believes in us.

Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God of the Sparrow

*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

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come to the Table

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

I Want to Be as Close to You

Hymnal, No. 736

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

*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 April 10: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49/

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 **April 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.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent



ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the



ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the



skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



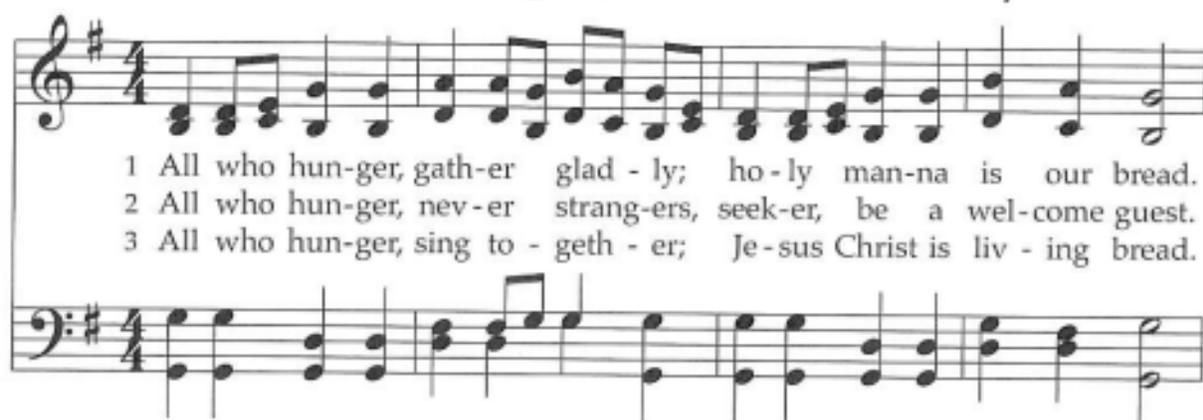
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

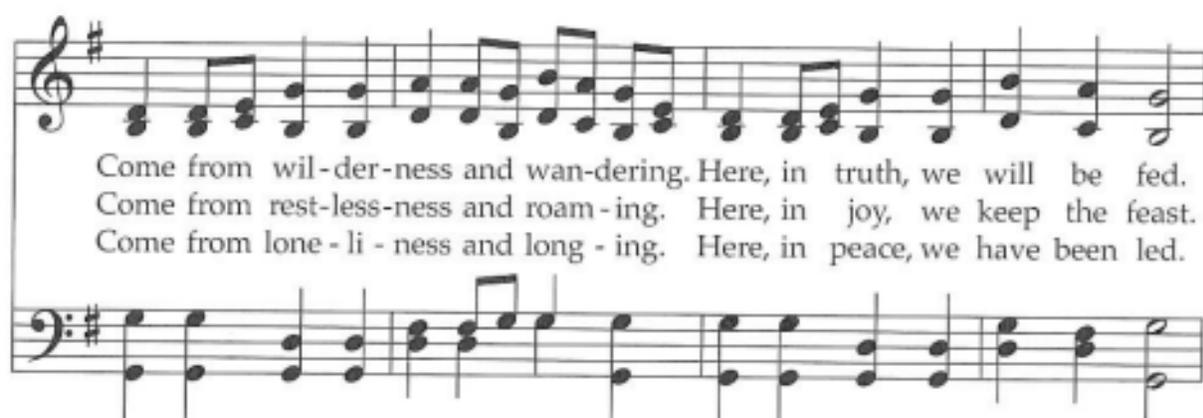
us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

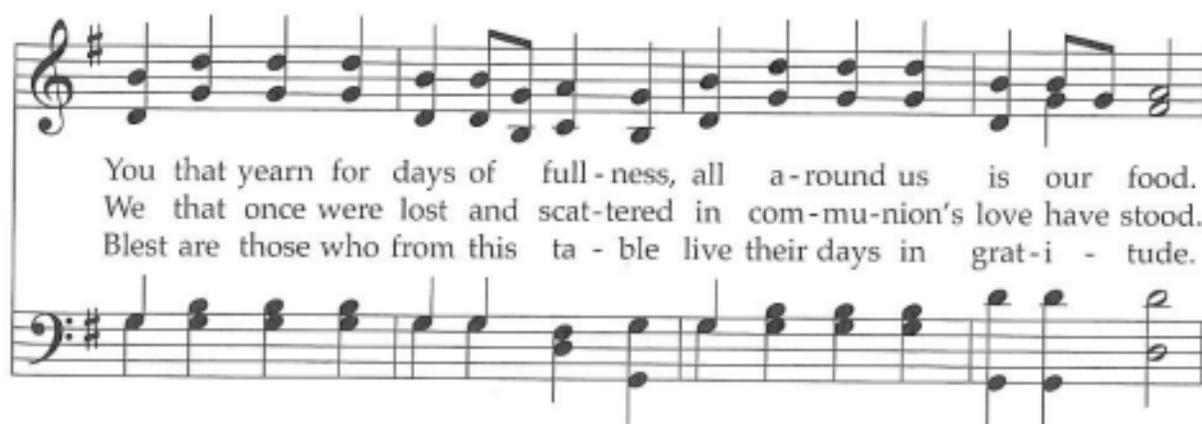
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

I Want to Be as Close to You 736



1 I want to be as close to you as
 2 I want to be as close to you as
 3 I want to be as close to you as
 4 You want to be as close to me as
 5 Like Mar - y, John, and Mag - da - lene, make



she who gave you birth. Christ Je - sus, let my
 was be - lov - ed John. Christ, let me fol - low
 Mag - da - lene who went, pro - claim - ing news of
 moth - er, broth - er, friend. Christ, keep me faith - ful
 us dis - ci - ples true. Like moth - er, broth - er,



"yes," like hers, bring bless - ings on our earth.
 where you lead, by trust and friend - ship drawn.
 death's de - feat, your first a - pos - tle sent.
 to your love, a love that has no end.
 sis - ter, friend, Christ, keep us close to you.