Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty God,
you sent Jesus, our good shepherd,
to gather us together.
May we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you forever;
through 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

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There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

David Marvel, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Lift your hearts, raise your voices, and join the heavenly host who forever sing:

Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come into God's Presence

Hymnal, No. 413

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Eternal God.

in the presence of our enemies,

we divide and demonize.

When you face our enemies,

you choose neither contempt nor punishment,

but set a table and make provision for us all.

Our ways are not your ways, O Creator,

and they are an affront to the work of your hands.

Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us.

Send our risen Lord among us again

to repair relationships and restore humanity.

Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus

just as he does at his table.

(Time of silent reflection)

Believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, nurtured, and safe.

*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

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43 Page No. 894

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and ${\bf I}$

shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30 Page No. 873

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Belonging Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH For All the Faithful Women Hymnal, No. 324

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Life in Christ is life eternal.

The resurrection of Jesus is the sign

that God will consummate the work

of creation and reconciliation beyond death

and bring to fulfillment

the new life begun in Christ.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response... God of new life, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Hymnal, No. 803

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

*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 May 15: Acts 11:1-18 and Psalm 148 or Leviticus 19:9-18 and Psalm 24:1-6; Revelations 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

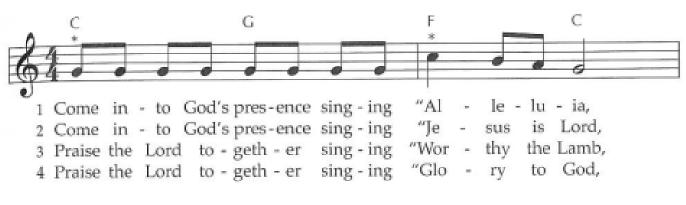
The Food & Shelter item of the month for **May is peanut butter**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

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

We have kids going to camp! They'll go to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock, AR on June 12 for the week. If you'd like to contribute to our Camp and Conference Fund, we have an **Envelope Fundraiser** starting this week. No cookies to buy! No rummage sales! No raffles! Pick an envelope from the hallway, put the suggested amount of money in it and either put in the offering plate or leave in the office.

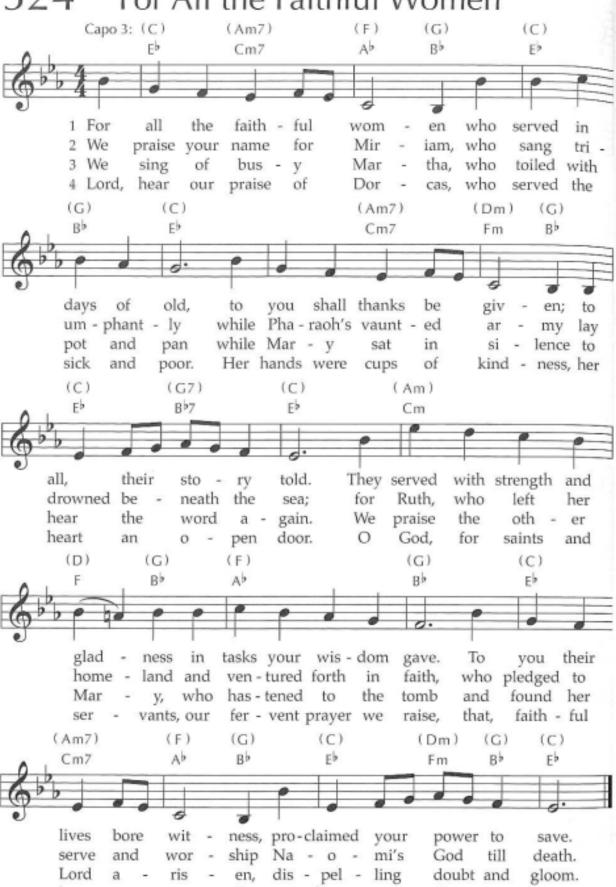
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