



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of light and truth,  
you are beyond our grasp or conceiving.  
Before the brightness of your presence  
the angels veil their faces.  
With lowly reverence and adoring love  
we acclaim your glory and sing your praise,  
for you have shown us your truth and love  
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      All Who Love and Serve Your City                      David Marvel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us this day.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

God has gathered us in this place.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      God, Reveal Your Presence                      Hymnal, No. 412

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Faithful God,  
We confess our faithlessness.  
Our hearts are fickle,  
our eyes wander,  
and we trick ourselves into serving other gods.  
We speak lies, accept lies, live lies,  
destroying others and ourselves along the way.  
Forgive our waywardness  
and lead us back to you.  
Embolden our trust in your faithfulness  
and settle your truth in our 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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nick Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 49:1-12

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

**both low and high, rich and poor together.**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

**those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.

**For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice**

that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

**When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**

Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

**Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:13-21

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

The Rich Fool

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts

Hymnal, No. 60

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared  
first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*(1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9; Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28)*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response... In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**  
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Loving Spirit

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG The Earth Belongs to God Alone

Hymnal, No. 715

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

\*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 August 7: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **July is individually wrapped crackers, granola bars, nuts and other snacks.** 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.

# 412 God, Reveal Your Presence

1 God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,  
 2 In God's ho - ly pres - ence, hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
 3 Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;

and with awe ap - pear be - fore you. Ho - ly is your tem -  
 see the crowds the throne sur - round - ing: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -  
 all my trust is in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly an -

ple: all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly bow with deep - est  
 ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es  
 gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing, we a - dore, ho - san - nas

rev - erence. You a - lone now we own as our  
 blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here; hear, O  
 rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still rule your

God and Sav - ior: praise your name for - ev - er!  
 Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.  
 church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial.

# Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts 60

(Psalm 106)

1 Your end - less love, your might - y acts sur -  
2 Our reb - el fore - bears rare - ly grasped your  
3 Be - fore a gold - en calf they bowed— an  
4 But when they spurned the prom - ised land, you  
5 Yet those whom once you sold in wrath, in

pass what words can tell; Lord, may the joys your  
mer - cy or your might; we need your mer - cy,  
i - dol in your place!— un - til, by Mo - ses'  
made your an - ger plain: they wan - dered long on  
mer - cy you re - stored; may we, like them, be

peo - ple know be mine to share as well.  
just like them: we, too, do wrong not right.  
faith - ful prayer, you drew them back to grace.  
des - ert paths, and served the Baals a - gain.  
gath - ered in to thank and praise you, Lord.

# 715 The Earth Belongs to God Alone



1 The earth be - longs to God a - lone; hard  
2 The fer - tile ground through years of toil has  
3 All life be - longs to God a - lone, in  
4 Till God en - dows the earth once more with



clay, rich soil, fine sand. Give thanks wher - ev - er  
cried for Sab - bath rest— a time of peace for  
wil - der - ness and fields. From fal - low land, or  
E - den's state of grace, may we en - deav - or



food is grown on bor - rowed ho - ly land.  
worn - out soil so land can be re - freshed.  
plowed and sown, God gives the good it yields.  
to re - store all land as sa - cred space.