



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

August 14, 2022

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of Peace, your call, at times,  
appears to divide us from one another.  
Help us to overcome our fears  
and respond in courage.  
Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight.  
Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us.  
We ask this in the confidence  
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein Johann Pachelbel  
David Marvel, Organist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney  
(LBO) Please rise in body or spirit for the Call to Worship.

Holy One, you are present for us.

**We come to be present for you.**

You create us and sustain us.

**Each of us is your miracle.**

By your Spirit help us be true to the miracle you have created.

**Shape us, guide us, and fill us with your grace. Alleluia!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE God, the Sculptor of the Mountains Hymnal, No. 5

## \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

(LBO) Trusting in God's hopes for us, let us come before God with contrite hearts, asking for reconciliation and seeking peace.

Let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

**God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care . . .**

**our doubt of your providence . . .**

**our blindness to signs of your love.**

**We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;**

**we separate ourselves from you and from others**

**and foster divisions between those you love.**

**Help us to amend our lives**

**and make us your faithful people**

**who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

(LBO) God hears our confession,  
rejoicing as we desire amendment of life.  
God lifts us from our despondency  
to rejoice in the company of the saints.  
God acknowledges the forces that separate us,  
and brings us to peace.  
Rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation  
and a life lived in the presence of God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**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.**

(LBO) Please remain in your space and greet one another from a distance.

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Alice Lanning

(LBO) Let us pray:  
Faithful God, how blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit  
so that we may glorify you  
in the company of the faithful;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds  
judgment:

**“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the  
destitute.

**Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;**

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.”

**Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:49-56

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

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SPEAKER

Food and Shelter, Inc.

April Doshier

\*SONG OF FAITH

You Are Before Me Lord

Hymnal, No. 28

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8

(LBO) Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith, using words from the Confession of 1967

**The life, death, resurrection,  
and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.  
His human life involves the church  
in the common life of all people.  
His service to men and women  
commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.  
His suffering makes the church sensitive  
to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ  
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.  
His crucifixion discloses to the church  
God's judgment on the inhumanity  
that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences  
of the church's own complicity in injustice.  
In the power of the risen Christ  
and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise  
of God's renewal of human life in society  
and of God's victory over all wrong.  
The church follows this pattern  
in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve  
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response... In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

(LBO) Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
we pray for the fulfillment of God's promise,  
saying: In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for the church . . .  
Make us bold to proclaim our faith in Christ,  
who endured the cross for our sake  
and now sits at the right hand of your throne.  
In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for the world . . .  
Show your mercy and justice to the nations.  
Defend the weak and powerless;  
lift up the lowly and the destitute.  
In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for this community . . .  
Restore the vineyard you have planted.  
Let it not be trampled down,  
but grow up to bear good fruit.  
In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for loved ones . . .  
Protect them with your powerful hand.  
Give life to those who call on your name.  
Let your face shine and save them.  
In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

Strengthen us to run the race that is before us,  
laying aside the heavy burdens of sin and death  
and following the pioneer and perfecter of our faith:  
Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**

Hear us as we pray the prayer taught to us by your beloved son, Jesus.  
Our Father...

#### THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

(LBO) Romans 12 appeals to us as siblings in Christ  
to present ourselves as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to God.  
Therefore, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

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

#### \*DEDICATION PRAYER

(LBO) We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have chosen the poverty of the world  
to make your people rich in faith.  
Help us to put our faith into practice  
through the offering of our lives—  
giving food to the hungry,  
clothes to the naked,  
and shelter to the poor;  
all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
your Word made flesh. **Amen.**

#### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG                      Fight the Good Fight                      Hymnal, No.846

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

(LBO) Go out into the world in peace.

Have courage.

Hold onto what is good.

Return to no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,  
help the suffering.

Honor all people.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always.

**\*POSTLUDE** O Jesus, I Have Promised

\*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 21: Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6; Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **August is toilet paper and full size hygiene products. 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.

# God the Sculptor of the Mountains 5

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1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the  
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the  
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the  
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the

Bm Em7 A F Dm

mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the  
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the  
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the  
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing

Gm7 C F E7 A A7

heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:  
 dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:  
 har - vest, God the source of all we eat:  
 proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:

D F#m G F#m Bm

you are womb of all cre - a - tion;  
 you are fount of all de - liv - erance;  
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;  
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;

Em D Em D

we are form - less; shape us now.  
 we are aim - less; lead us now.  
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.  
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

## You Are Before Me, Lord

(Psalm 139)



1 You are be - fore me, Lord, you are be - hind,  
 2 Then from your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go;  
 3 If I should take my flight in - to the dawn,  
 4 If I should say, "Let dark - ness cov - er me,  
 5 Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;



and o - ver me you have spread out your hand;  
 and from your pres - ence where, Lord, shall I fly?  
 if I should dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore,  
 and I shall hide with - in the veil of night,"  
 try me, O God; my mind and spir - it try;



such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me,  
 If I as - cend to heav - en you are there,  
 your might - y hand will rest up - on me still,  
 sure - ly the dark - ness is not dark to you:  
 keep me from an - y path that gives you pain,



too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.  
 and still are with me if in hell I lie.  
 and your right hand will guard me ev - er - more.  
 the night is as the day, the dark - ness light.  
 and lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

# Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.  
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
 God's bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove  
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
 that Christ is all in all to thee.