

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY World Communion

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of love, you gather your children from every land and nation,
from every tribe and people, our siblings,
with whom we are one Body in your Spirit.
They are with us now in our worship,
and we give you thanks and ask your blessing.
Let us breathe with their breath; let our hearts beat with their blood.
We do not seek your presence with us apart from all your beloved;
we do not pray for our own blessing apart from theirs.
Help us, now in our worship and always,
to behold your face in our sisters and brothers,
and to know your Spirit in our connectedness.
Speak to us in many tongues, that we may hear your Word.
We pray in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Dance Alfred Fedak

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*OPENING SENTENCES Vince Leseney

This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.
We praise God's name! Amen!

*WELCOME SONG Uyai mose (Come All You People) Hymnal, No. 388
Zimbabwean welcome song

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE This is My Song Hymnal, No. 340

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,
in your generosity you have given us
a world of abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.
We confess that we have defaced your creation
and poisoned our environment
through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.
In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters
and intended for us to be united,
and yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.
You gave us wisdom and creativity
and we have used those to trick each other
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.**

You gave us laws to order our lives
 and we have abused them
 to take revenge and punish our enemies.
 We love war rather than strive for peace.
 We ignore the poor and the weak
 and honored the rich and powerful.
 In all this we have not lived according to your will.
 Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements
 and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.
 In your mercy, forgive us our sins.
 (Time of silent reflection)

Believe the 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 to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
 And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
 And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nick Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.

In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

**He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink
abundantly as from the deep.**

He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

ANTHEM Come to the Table

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

What a World!

Tracy L. Evans

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Holy God, we are one in your love, and we thank you.

**It is not our beliefs or our faith that unite us,
but your love for us all that makes us one.**

**Those who are like us and those who are different,
all are beloved and all are made one.**

**People of every continent and every race,
all join us at the table of your grace.**

**Humans and creatures and all living things
are one in the Body of Christ.**

**For the great diversity of people,
for the splendor of life in all its colors,
we praise you.**

**Gracious God, in your grace we are one,
and we worship you.**

We are yours, and we serve you. Alleluia!

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN To My Precious Lord
Worshippers may remain seated.

Hymnal, No. 704

*DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

give thanks to the Holy One;

give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

let the poor say, "We are rich

because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Table

Hymnal, No. 508

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*SENDING SONG

Amen, We Praise Your Name
Amen siakudumisa

Hymnal, No. 598

*POSTLUDE

Rejoice!

Brenda Portman

*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 October 8: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Psalm 19; Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for **October are laundry soup and towels (used is fine). 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.

Come All You People

Uyai mose

Leader

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te
Come all - you peo - ple, come and

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

Ahom

Ahom

ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,
praise your Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Ahom

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u -
come and praise your Mak - er; come

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

Ahom

Ahom

ya - i mo - se,
all you peo - ple,

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
come and praise your Mak - er;

Ahom

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. *Repeat* Ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri, *Final* no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Come and praise your Mak - er, Lord.

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Lord.

Ahom

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.



Come to the Table

식탁에 와서



*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God.
 2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.
 3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.



Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:
 My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.
 Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.



Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.
 Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,
 Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.

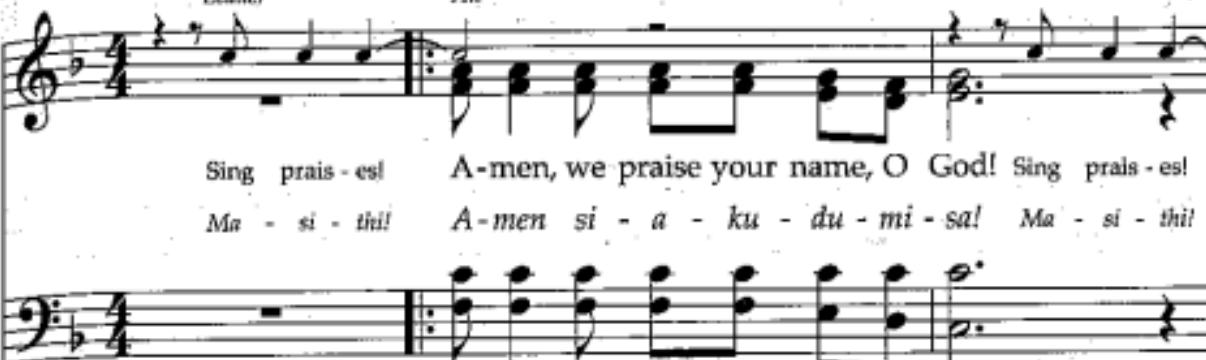


Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.
 for you are mine, and I am your Lord.
 With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.

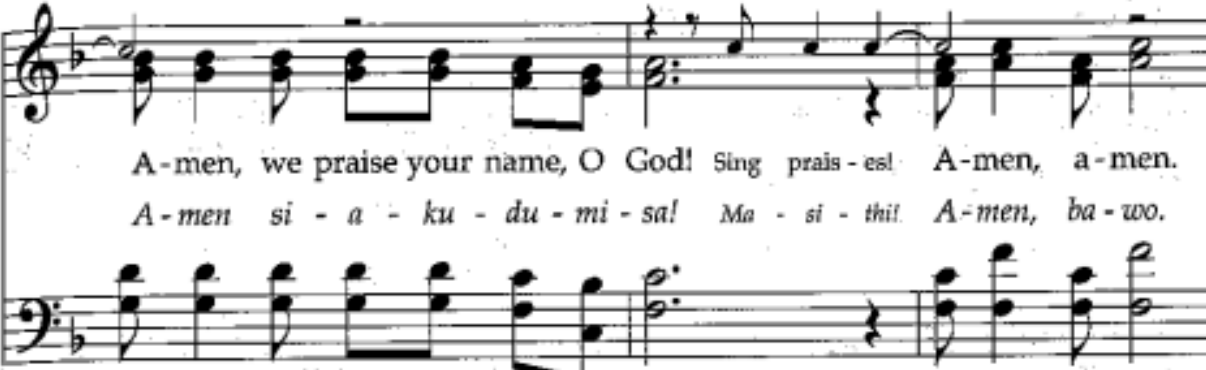
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Amen siakudumisa

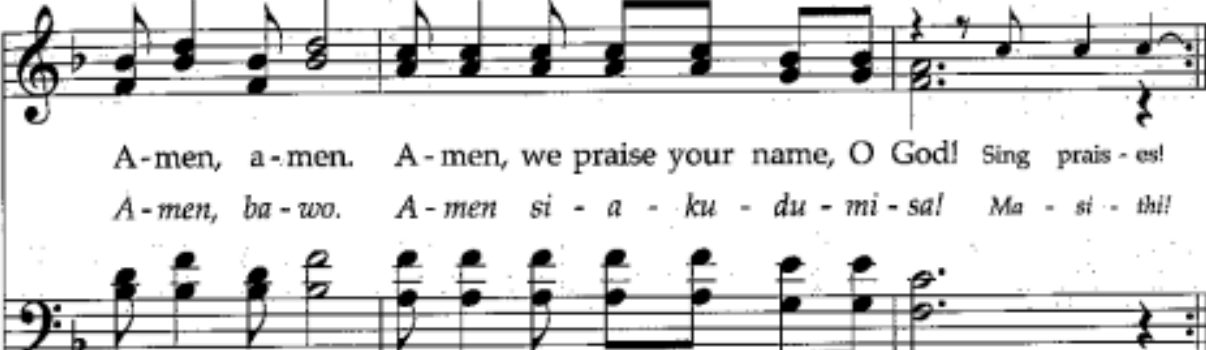
Leader *All*



Sing prais - es! A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
Ma - si - thil! A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sal! Ma - si - thil!



A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es! A - men, a - men.
A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sal! Ma - si - thil! A - men, ba - wo.



A - men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
A - men, ba - wo. A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sal! Ma - si - thil!

To My Precious Lord

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내게 있는 향유 옥합

Refrain



To my pre-cious Lord I bring my flask of fra-grant oil;

내 게 있 는 향 유 옥 합 주 께 가 저 와



kneel-ing down, I kiss his feet, a - noint them with the oil.

그 발 위 에 입 맞 추 고 께 뜨 림 니 다

Harmony



1 Je - sus, who for my sake walked the road to Cal - va - ry,

2 Je - sus, who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross,

3 When in clouds of glo - ry you come back to earth a - gain,



with each step has marked the im - print of his love for me.

with his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heav - y cost.

Je - sus, with your love, em - brace and claim me as your friend.