

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Gracious God, we thank you for the feast of Creation,
the gift of the human household, and the miracle of your grace.

We thank you for all the ways you invite us
to feast, to celebrate, and to share.

You welcome us to find our place among your beloved,
and feast at the table of your Word.

Feed us with your Spirit, and make us yours once again.
We pray in the name and the company of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major, BWV 557

JS Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Rejoice in the Lord always!

All thanks and praise to God!

Do not worry about anything.

We trust in God who provides for us.

Let the peace of God settle among you.

We will share God's peace with all.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Rejoice, The Lord is King!

Hymnal, No. 363

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us be honest about how we have failed
to follow God.

True God from True God,

we have not built a golden calf,

but we have worshiped idols.

We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands.

We find security in what we can hoard

instead of trusting your provision.

We listen to lies that spread hatred and division

instead of the radical truth of your word.

Forgive us.

Melt down our idols until we see only you

and fix our sight on your way alone.

(Time of silent reflection)

God shows us a different way—

a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence.

This path is open to all of us if we reach out and accept God's forgiveness.

**Thanks be to God! We will live as God's people,
forgiven and freed.**

*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 WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Tim Thiessen

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Page No. 955

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them;

that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image.

They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.

They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

Therefore he said he would destroy them— had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1-14

Page No. 803

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Role Models

Rev. Dr. Thea McKee

*SONG OF FAITH

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

Hymnal, No. 13

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

(Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

Hymnal, No. 770

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Arnold Cook3

*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 22: Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99; Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.

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.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

- 1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

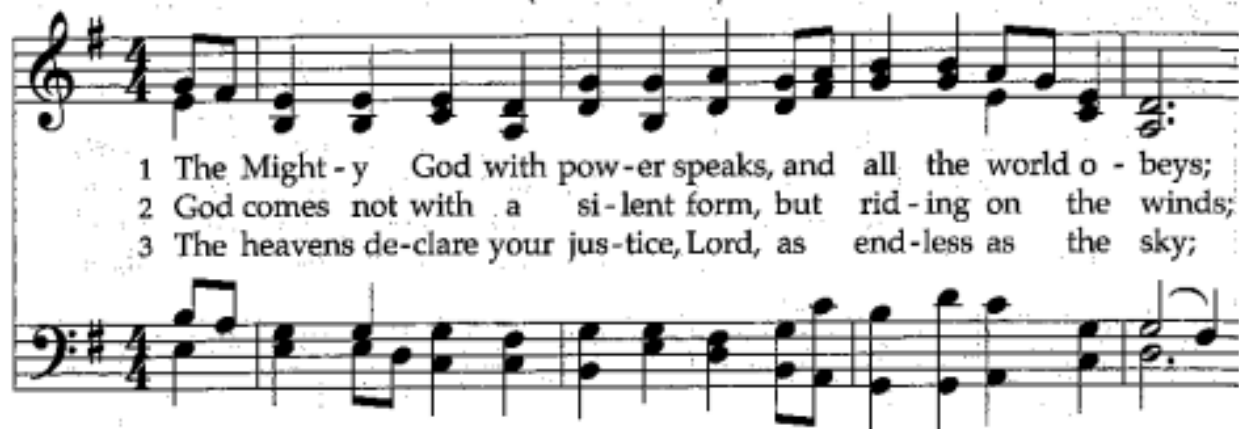
Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the - keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

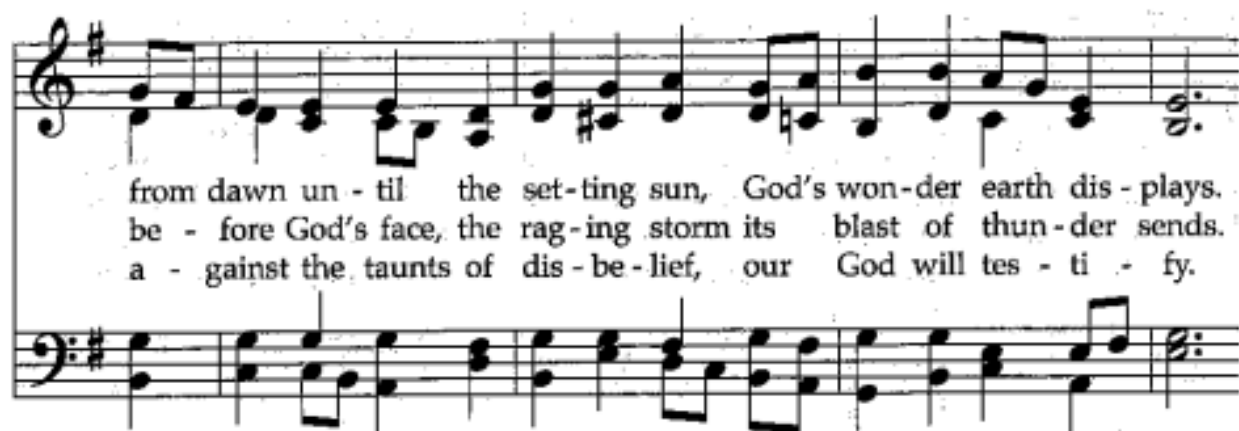
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13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

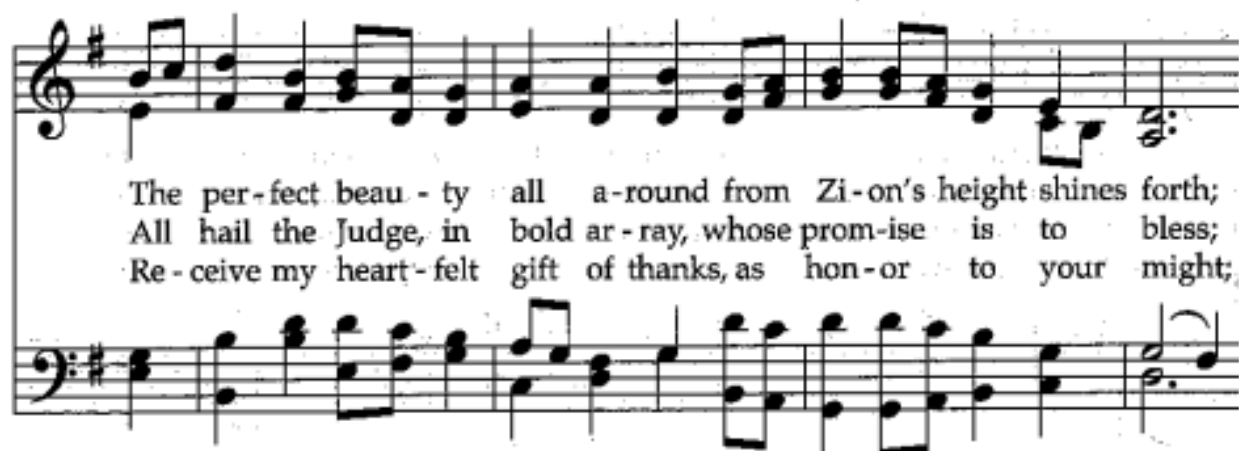
(Psalm 50)



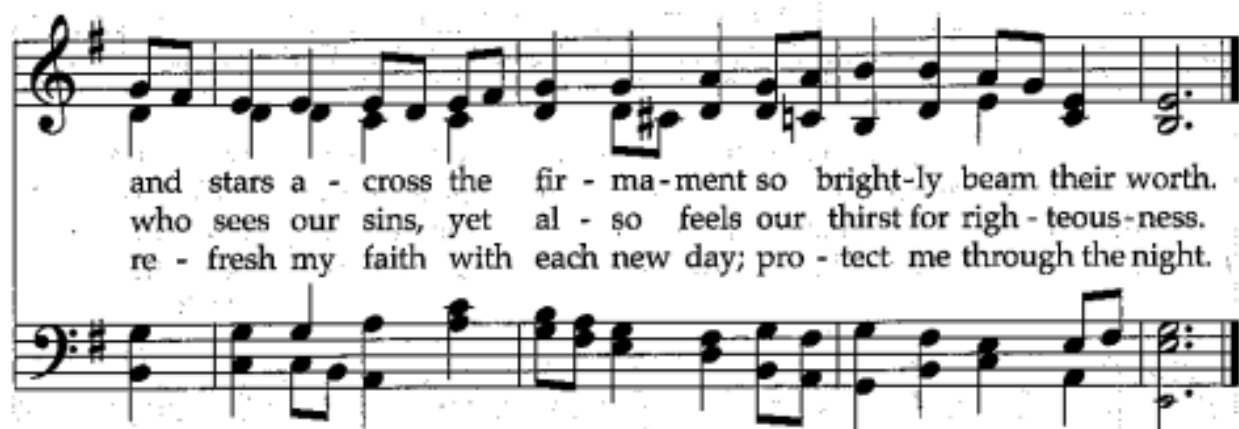
1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;



from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.



The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;



and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

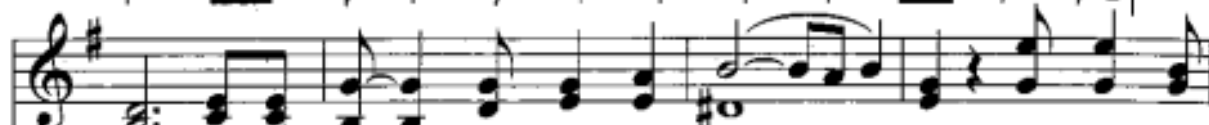
770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table



1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;



I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
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