

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Gracious God,  
people gathered around the house  
to hear Jesus and to be healed.  
We, too, come to hear your Word proclaimed  
and to receive your healing deep in our hearts.  
Speak, for we are listening.  
Touch us, for we are still.  
Feed us, for we are hungry.  
Love us, for we are yours.  
Transform us, for we are ready  
to share your grace with all the world.  
We pray in the name and the spirit of Christ,  
who is present. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Andante in D Major

Felix Mendelssohn

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Creator God, we praise you!

**Risen Christ, we greet you!**

Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

**You alone are holy, and we worship you.**

Glory be to you, O God of all Creation.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ, for our salvation.**

You heal the brokenhearted and lift up the downtrodden.

You have healed us in many ways; you have cast out evil and set us free.

**Alleluia! Grant that we may be your humble servants.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Praise Ye the Lord

Hymnal, No. 35

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

And so we pray for transformation, saying together:

**God among us,**

**forgive us when we assume you are far from us**

**and when we fail to recognize our part in your  
ongoing ministry.**

**We lament that so many feel forsaken.**

**We grieve for all the wounds not healed,  
actions not taken,**

**and calls not answered.**

**Teach us to participate  
in your mission in the world,**

**to remember our baptism,  
hear the call on our lives,  
and help those who are sent our way.  
Transform us,  
so that we may be more like Christ.  
Amen.  
(Time of silent reflection)**

In Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen!**

**\*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**

Tim Thiessen

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 40:21-31

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

**He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

**He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.**

He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

**His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;**

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**Praise the Lord!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:29-39

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

Called to Healing

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

When at this Table

Hymnal, No. 537

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In Jesus of Nazareth,  
true humanity was realized once for all.  
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,  
lived among his own people  
and shared their needs, temptations,  
joys, and sorrows.  
He expressed the love of God  
in word and deed  
and became a brother  
to all kinds of sinful men and women.  
But his complete obedience  
led him into conflict with his people.  
His life and teaching judged their goodness,  
religious aspirations, and national hopes.  
Many rejected him and demanded his death.  
In giving himself freely for them,  
he took upon himself the judgment  
under which everyone stands convicted.  
God raised him from the dead,  
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.  
The victim of sin became victor,  
and won the victory  
over sin and death for all.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... To you, O God, we cry; **be gracious to us.**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

Hymnal, No. 654

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

ANTHEM

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

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.**

Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG

Go to the World

Hymnal, No. 295

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Toccatà

Theodore Dubois

\*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 February 11: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

The Food & Shelter items of the month for January are blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves and thick socks. **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.

# 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

# When at This Table

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Capo 1: (D) Eb (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm (G) Ab (A) Bb

1 When at this ta - ble I re - ceive a bless - ing,  
 2 If at this ta - ble I have need of heal - ing,  
 3 If at this ta - ble I for - get the hun - gry,  
 4 If at this ta - ble I make ded - i - ca - tion  
 5 What faith I have, I bring to join this ta - ble,

(F#m) Gm (Bm) Cm (G) Ab (A) Bb

the bro - ken bread, the wine of life for me,  
 un - bid - den grief, re - la - tion - ship gone wrong,  
 the dis - pos - sessed and war - fare's spread - ing stain,  
 to give my life in serv - ing what is good,  
 what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;

(C) Db (G) Ab (Am7) (D) Bbm7 Eb (G) Ab

then let me share the peace with you, my neigh - bor,  
 then let me know the hands of God en - fold - ing,  
 then let this bread be - come the bread of judg - ment,  
 then let my cen - ter be where God in - vites me,  
 with broth - ers, sis - ters, I will share the bless - ing,

(A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (Bm) Cm (Gmaj7) Abmaj7 (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

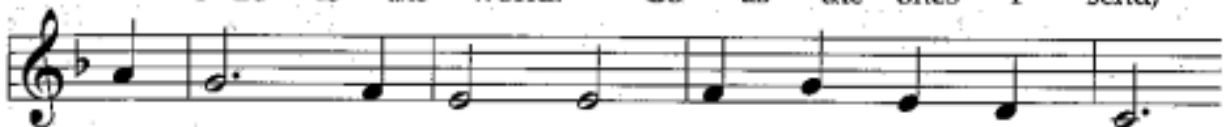
and let the Spir - it set our spir - its free.  
 and let la - ment be - come be - liev - ing song.  
 this wine the sharp a - ware - ness of that pain.  
 and show the words of Je - sus un - der - stood.  
 the feast where God is mak - ing all things new.

# Go to the World!

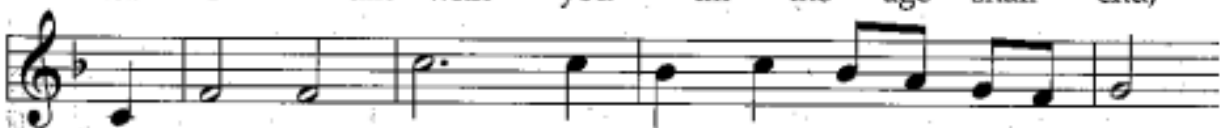
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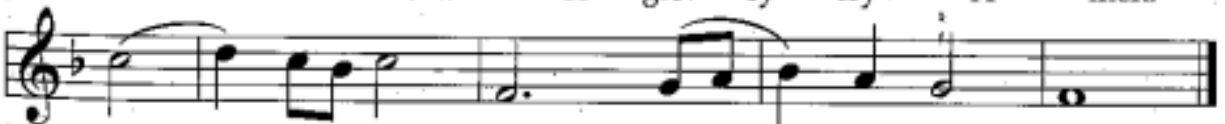
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
The nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
For I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
When all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.