

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty God,
you stilled the waters
and fished from them with friends;
you answered Job from a whirlwind
and gently water the earth with dew each day.
Though you hold all power and glory,
you do not use them to uphold the powerful
but to uplift those brought low
by oppression, trouble, and sorrow.
May we use our power and privilege,
in whatever measure,
with the same spirit that you have used your power.

PRELUDE Fanfare Alfred Fedak

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

The God who first heard the morning stars sing
never forgets the cry of the afflicted.

**You, O God, have not forsaken
those who seek you.**

The God who set the limits of the seas
remains a stronghold for the oppressed.

**You, O God, have not forsaken
those who seek you.**

Come, let us thank God for steadfast love,
for all God's mighty works.

*SONG OF PRAISE I've Got Peace Like a River Hymnal, No. 623

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**They can be such giants in our lives,
God of Grace.**

**Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us,
until we come to believe that you do not care for us.**

**There seems to be so much wrong in the world,
we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do.**

**The storms of sin and temptation batter at us,
and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.**

Forgive us, God of Hope.

**Remind us that if we but open our hearts,
you will heal us.**

If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy.

If we but open our lives to you,

we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers,

even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith.

Our God affirms us for who we are - those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God! 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 20

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.

For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be gracious to me, O Lord. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,

so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.

The Lord has made himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Selah

The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you.

Put them in fear, O Lord; let the nations know that they are only human. Selah

ANTHEM

And I Will Praise Thee, O God

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Choppy Seas, Calm Spirits

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**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.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Hymnal, No. 609

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

We Are One in the Spirit

Hymnal, No. 300

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Dance

Alfred Fedak

*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 June 30: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 and Psalm 130; Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or Lamentations 3:22-33 and Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for June is individually wrapped 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.

623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

1
 riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

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

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. ♯