

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Holy God,
your wisdom cries out in the streets
and your grace whispers in the wind.
You speak to us in many ways.
Help us to hear you
in the carbonated laughter of a child
and in weary sighs too deep for words.
As you speak to us,
let us speak of you,
sharing what we believe with our words
and our whole lives. Amen.

PRELUDE

Fanfare for Organ

L. Dean Bye

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

God of life, we praise you!

God of all Creation, we are in wonder!

Mother of all people, Father of the poor, all humanity is your praise.

In the Spirit of Christ, who calls us, we honor you.

In the name of all who love you, we thank you.

In the company of all who all who long for life, we worship you.

Your Christ calls us to life, calls us to compassion, calls us to follow.

Alleluia! Rise in us, Spirit of Life, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Hymnal, No. 174

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**You have called us, O God,
and we have refused to listen;
you have stretched out your hand
and we have not taken it.**

**We have taken what you have given us
and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you.
We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.**

**Forgive our inability to recognize you
and live out the reality of your gospel.**

**Give us the insight we need
to understand your place in our lives
so that our words and actions reflect
the glory of God in the lives of others.**

In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ, the living Word, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

Page No. 981

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

ANTHEM Jesus, Lover of My Soul

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

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MESSAGE

Who Are You, Jesus?

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

Hymnal, No.815

*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

Response: ... God of abundant grace, **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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 609

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

???

Hymnal, No.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Festival Piece on Nicaea

Jerry Westenkuehler

*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 September 22: Proverbs 1:20-33; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 19; Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 – 8:1; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38; Psalm 116:1-9.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for September are bar soap and deodorant.

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.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom 174

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

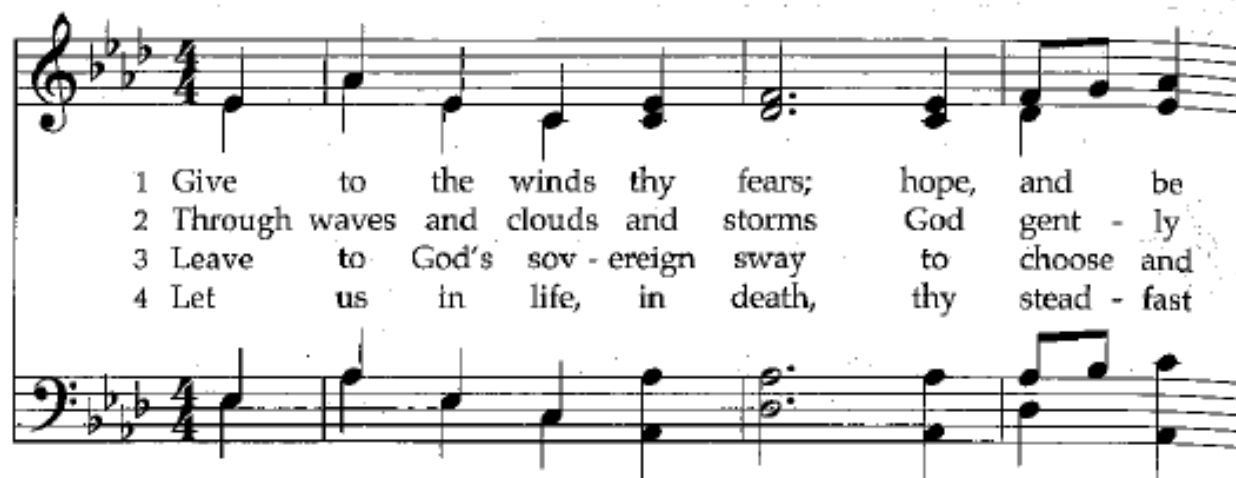
Staff 1: Chords: G, D, C, G, Am7, G. Lyrics: 1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who

Staff 2: Chords: Am, D, G, D, C, G. Lyrics: earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket-place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,

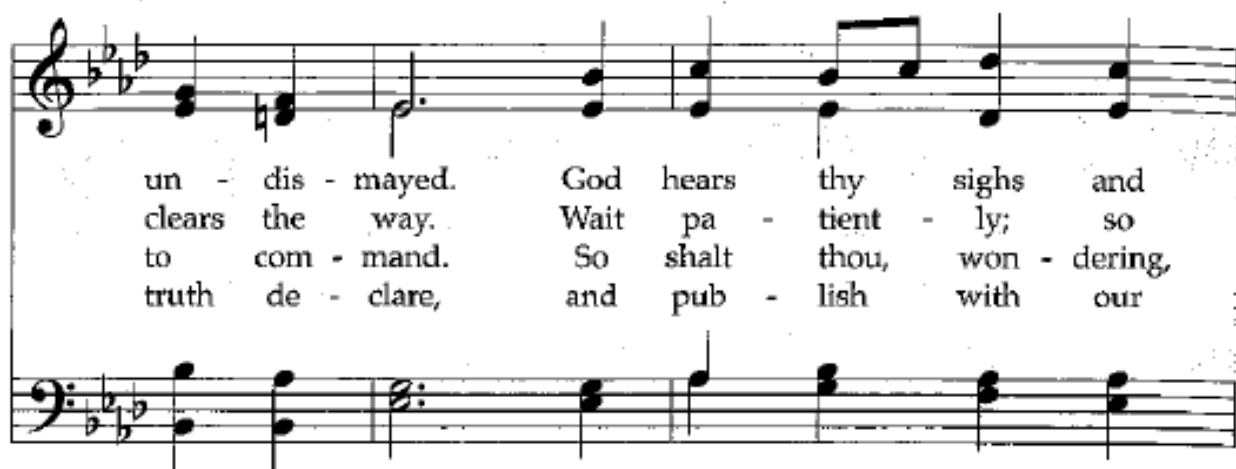
Staff 3: Chords: Am, G, D7, Em, Bm, Am. Lyrics: for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

Staff 4: Chords: B7, Em, Am, G, D7, G. Lyrics: path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do,
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace,
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

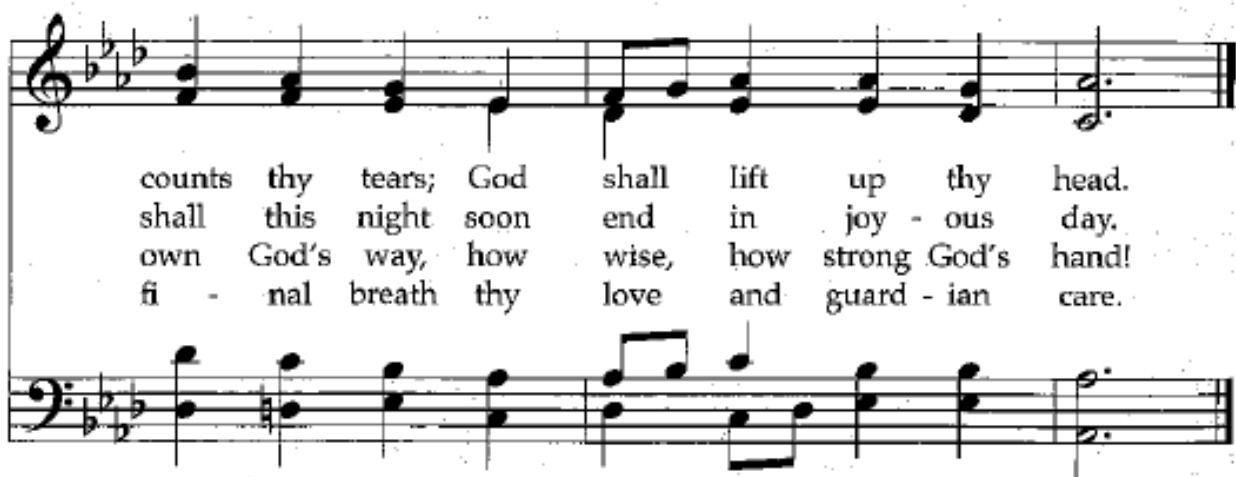
815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears



1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast



un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our



counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

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.