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## Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

EVERYTHING [IN] BETWEEN

### *The Good Shepherd*

Jesus said, "Who among you wouldn't leave the 99?  
Who among you wouldn't look for the one?"  
Someone in the crowd probably rolled their eyes.  
Someone squirmed and looked at their palms.  
Someone sighed and thought to themselves,  
"This man doesn't understand the business.  
What fool would leave 99 to look for one?"  
But maybe God was not talking about us.  
Maybe God was talking about  
her own reckless love.  
Maybe God was talking about  
her own willingness  
to turn the world upside down  
for me.

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## BRINGING THE LIGHT

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is a shepherding God.

**Our God knows us by name.**

Our God will never stop searching for us.

So if you feel lost,

**then know that God is seeking you.**

If you feel found,

**then know that God will never leave.**

This is the promise of scripture.

**This is the promise of God's love.**

Let us worship our with-us God.

## \*SONG OF PRAISE

There is Now a New Creation

Hymnal, No. 774

## \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

If God is a painter,

**let us be the brush.**

If God is a musician,

**let us be the song.**

If God is an architect,

**let us be the tools.**

**Let us be the hands.**

**Let us be the builders.**

But if God is a shepherd,  
who never stops seeking,

**let us be willing to be found,  
no matter how lost we feel.**

Our God is never far away.

**Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

...So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**No matter how far we wander,  
we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace.  
We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone.  
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

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner

Hymnal, No. 3, Verse 4

Mother, Brother, holy Partner;

Father, Spirit, Only Son:

we would praise your name forever,

one-in-three and three-in-one.

We would share your life, your passion,

Share your word of world made new,

Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 940

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.

**You are a hiding-place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.**

Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-7

Page No. 850

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Everything In Between: Lost & Found

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Lost and Found

Bulletin p. 7

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a seeking God,  
a with-us and before-us God, a chasing-after-us God.  
We believe that no matter where we wander  
or what mountains we climb, this God—  
the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem,  
shook hands with lepers,  
patted children on the head, and told stories of love—  
is always close at hand.  
So on the good days and the hard days,  
on the mountains and in the valleys,  
we believe that we are always being found.  
Thanks be to God for a love like that.  
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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymnal, No. 14

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

SACK CLOTH REMOVAL CELEBRATION

Family and Friends of Mami Francisca Lombe Ngonge

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions

Hymnal, No. 446

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Lenten Postlude

Matthew Koch

\*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 April 6: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8. Sanctified Art scripture for April 6: Luke 19:1-10.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for March are pasta and pasta sauce. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

**We are collecting wrapped candy to put in plastic Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt.** Please bring to the church by Wednesday, April 9. And we have more than enough plastic eggs! Thank you!

# 774 There Is Now a New Creation



- 1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
- 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
- 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
- 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
- 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.  
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.  
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled,  
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.  
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!



# Lost and Found

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by B.F. White, 1844



In the flock I am sur - roun - ded by my sib - lings  
The ho - ri - zon starts to brigh - ten as I quiet - ly  
As I wan - der down the quar - ry a fa - mi - liar



and my friends Safe at home and feel - ing groun - ded with my  
slip a - way I can feel my spi - rit ligh - ten with each  
voice cries out It's my shep - herd search - ing for me; reck - less



shep - herd to de - fend But an ach - ing, long - ing feel - ing  
cau - tious step I take Un - fa - mil - iar paths un - fold - ing  
love has tracked me down Though I left my place of re - fuge,



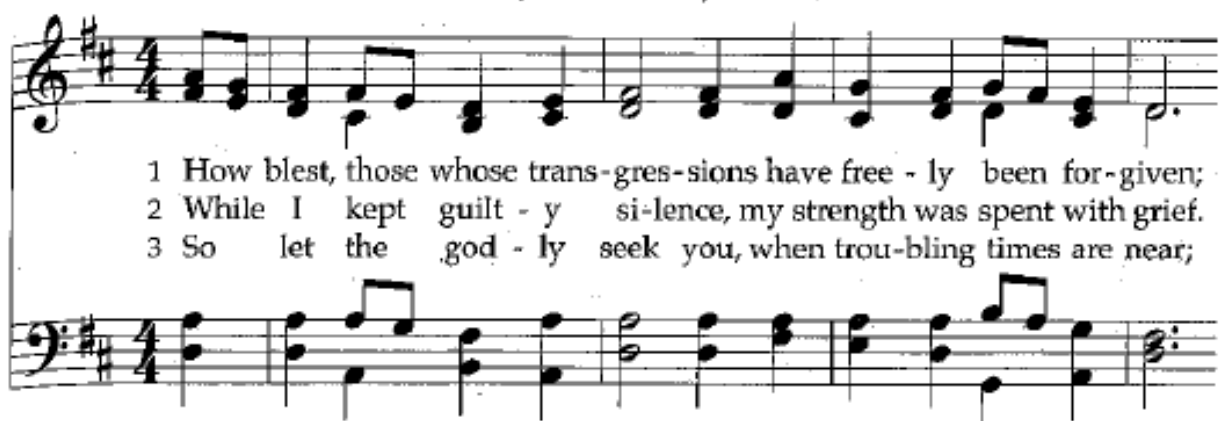
as the stars shine late at night Draws me in, my dreams  
as ex - cite - ment blends with fear All cre - a - tion now  
he has fol - lowed all a - long But I had to lose



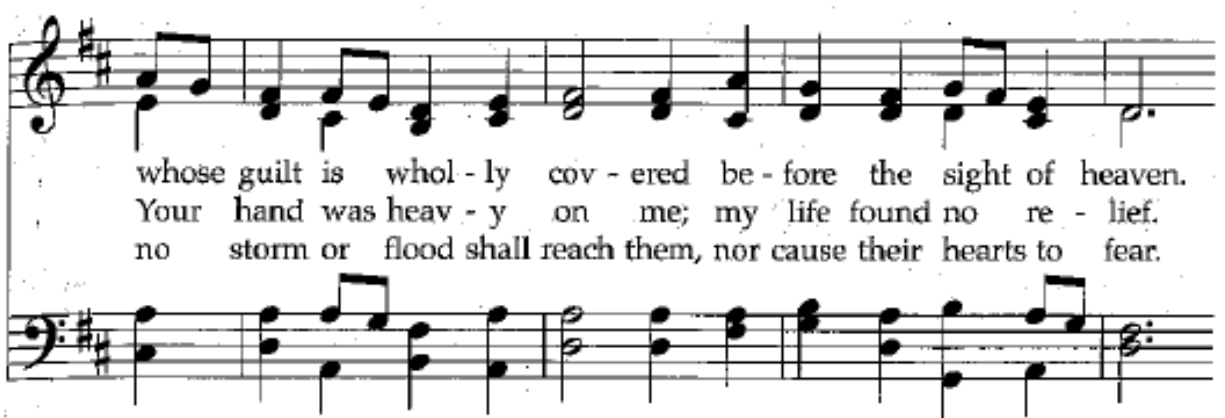
re - veal - ing and I know I'm not quite right  
en - folds me like the flock I hold so dear  
my - self to find my - self where I be - long

# How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions 446

(Psalm 32)



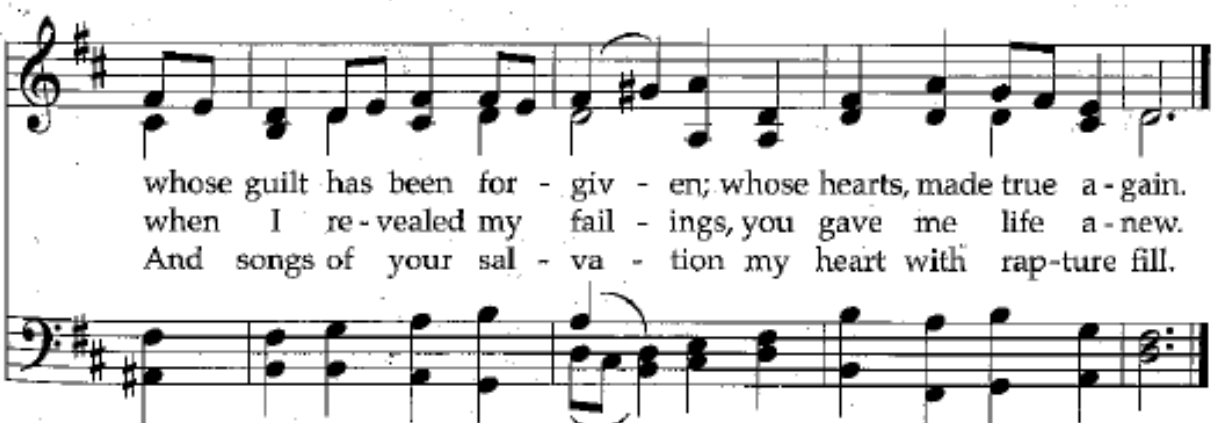
1 How blest, those whose trans-gres-sions have free - ly been for-given;  
2 While I kept guilt - y si-lence, my strength was spent with grief.  
3 So let the god - ly seek you, when trou-bling times are near;



whose guilt is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heaven.  
Your hand was heav - y on me; my life found no re - lief.  
no storm or flood shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.



Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not im - pute their sin:  
But when I made con - fes - sion and hid no sin from you,  
In you, O Lord, I hide me; you save me from all ill.



whose guilt has been for - giv - en; whose hearts, made true a - gain.  
when I re - vealed my fail - ings, you gave me life a - new.  
And songs of your sal - va - tion my heart with rap-ture fill.