

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

God of grace, your love changes everything.
We praise you for your love that changes the world.
We give thanks for those ways we have experienced your love
that has changed our lives.
And we offer ourselves to be changed by your love,
into people of deep, faithful, beautiful love.
Love us again, God, and make us new. Amen.

PRELUDE Theme from Sonata in A Major F. Mendelssohn

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of love, you create us in love.

You create us so that you may love us,

Christ, you come to us in love and show us how to love.

You send us into the world to love.

Holy Spirit, you fill us with your love so that it is your love, not ours
with which we love the world.

Renew your love in us, that we may love as you have loved us.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE For the Beauty of the Earth Hymnal, No. 14

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love,
freely given without expectation or strings attached,
like the unconditional love of a bridegroom.**

**While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own
lives,**

**we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace
conditional for others, holding court in our own hearts.**

**We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy,
forgetting the new commandment to love as you have loved us.
We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return,
missing the trustworthy and true nature of your boundless forgiveness.
Forgive us, Redeeming God. And transform our hearts with your
amazing grace and unconditional love so that our relationships and your
world are transformed.**

(Time for silent reflection)

Through the grace of
Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! You are made anew!

Thanks be to God!

*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.

(LBO) Let us share signs of Christ's peace with each other. Please feel free to move about the sanctuary as you greet one another.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 895

Acts 11:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever;

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35

Page No. 877

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

True Faith is Love

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Hymnal, No. 203

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Life in Christ is life eternal.
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

HONORING OUR GRADUATE—Reina Bobila, Abigail Jangha, and Blessing Sama

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 Hymnal, No. 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken Hymnal, No. 81

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

T. 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 May 25: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

The Food & Shelter item of the month for May is peanut butter. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

Are you looking for a spiritual jumpstart this year? You are invited to the weekly Wednesday Devotion, sponsored by the Task Force studying the creation of a new statewide Oklahoma Presbytery.

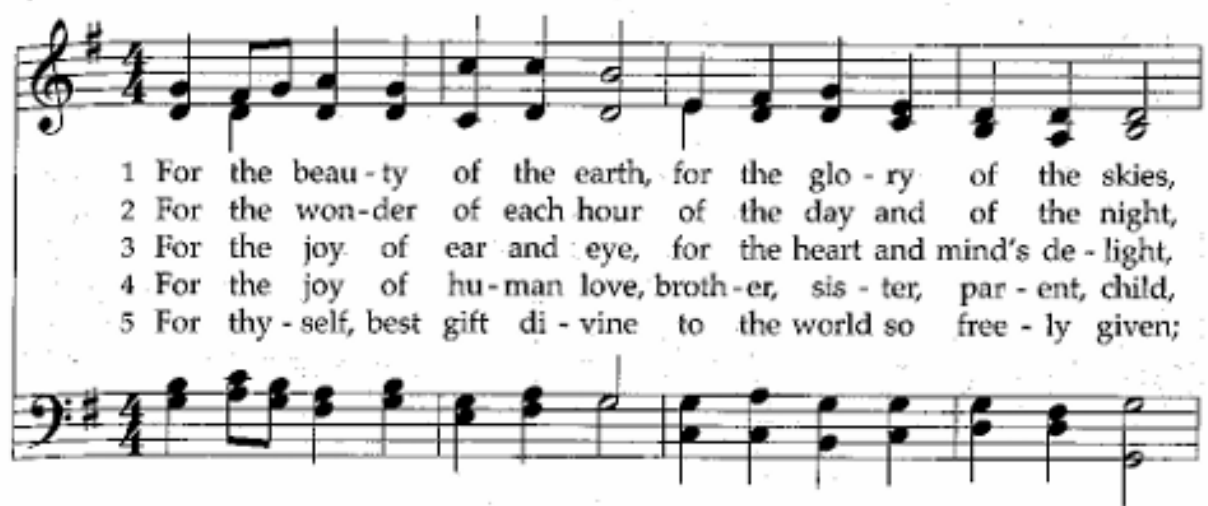
This is a weekly Zoom held on Wednesdays 9:00-9:30, each led by a different church leader from around the state. Join others from around the state in this.

Zoom link can be found on the Indian Nations Presbytery website at <http://www.okinp.org>

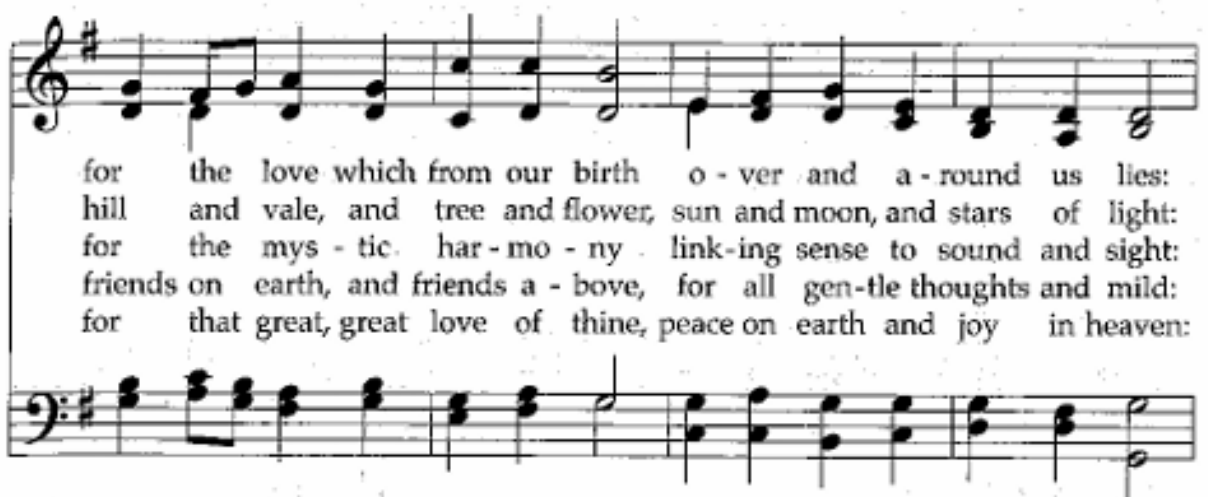
There will be a reception after worship today in the fellowship hall for **Memorial's 2025 Graduates.**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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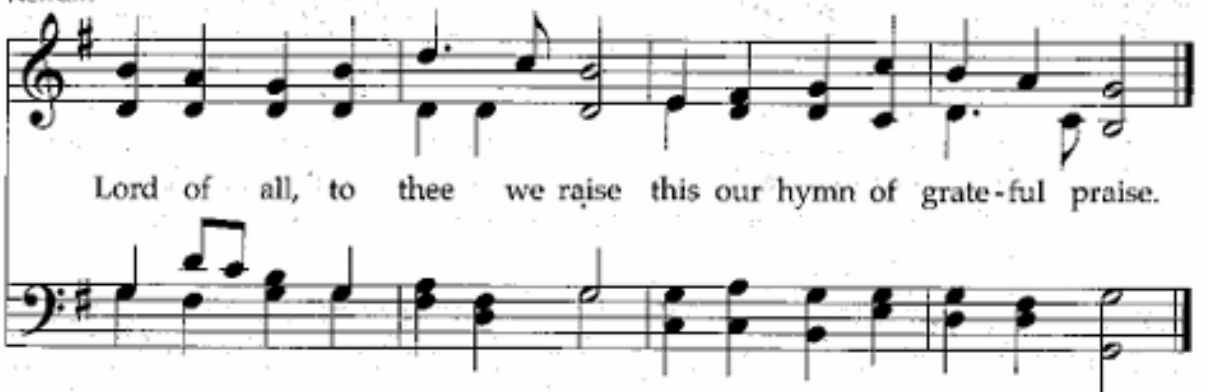


1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



- 1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

