

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

Life-Giving God, you have planted the Tree of Life in our midst.  
We are your leaves, bearing our various fruits, each in our season.  
May your Spirit flow through us,  
that we may be filled with your love and strengthened for service,  
and bear the fruits of your love to the world,  
in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

Processional

Norman Gilbert

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made.

**We will rejoice, and be glad in it!**

God, as the earth blossoms with colors, and the scents of new life,  
our spirits show forth the glory of your grace.

**For in raising Christ from death you have given new life to us all.**

You have brought us to life with one Spirit breathing in us all.

**You have brought us out of our solitary tombs,  
and made us alive in one body.**

You have given us your love,  
and with Christ you have come and made your home with us.

**Alleluia! Awaken us to your presence, God,  
and to Christ who is among us, and the Spirit within us;  
transform us by your grace, that we may serve you faithfully  
as the Body of your Risen Christ.**

Let us worship God!

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Shall We Gather at the River

Hymnal, No. 375

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray:

**Gracious God,  
we equate our judgment with your judgment,  
and often consider our ways to be your ways.  
We define peace as the absence of disruption,  
holding our comfort as your aim  
and thinking our preferences reflect your way.  
Too often we act as if  
we are your authoritative witnesses,  
believing our worldview  
corresponds with your vision,  
and that our narrative  
contains your hope for the future.  
O God,  
dislodge us from our sinful assumptions.  
Forgive our selfish views.  
Correct us with your truth  
and teach us by your Spirit.  
(Time for silent reflection)**

In Jesus Christ you are restored.

**Thanks be to our God forever and ever.**

\*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 Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Samuel McCann

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Karen Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 900

Acts 16:9-15

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us

**and make his face to shine upon us,**

that your way may be known upon earth,

**your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**for you judge the peoples with equity**

**and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase;

**God, our God, has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us;

**let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

ANTHEM

This is My Father's World

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:1-9

Page No. 866

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Sabbath Healing

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Hymnal, No. 490

\*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

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... God of new life, **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. 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Go to the World

Hymnal, No. 295

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Postlude in D Major

Healey Willan

\*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 1: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.


The Food & Shelter item of the month for May is peanut butter. **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.

# 375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

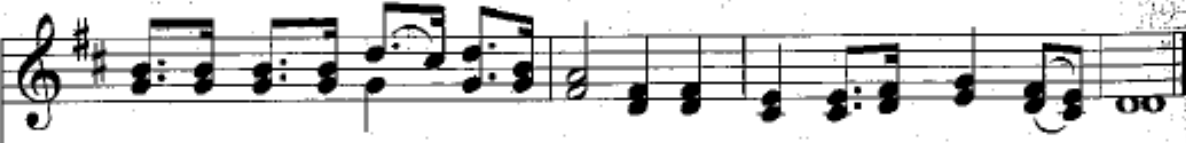


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.  
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

## Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

# Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new-born crea-tures  
 2 Ev-ery day we need your nur-ture; by your milk may  
 3 O how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-i-mag-ined,

(D) F (Bm) Dm

of your womb. Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple, raised like  
 we be fed. Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of  
 all your ways! To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (A) C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar-ments bright and  
 bless-ing, liv-ing bread. God, re-new us; guide our  
 lives we wor-ship, praise! We your peo-ple stand be-

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F

spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a-noint them;  
 foot-steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in  
 fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born. By your grace, our

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (D) F

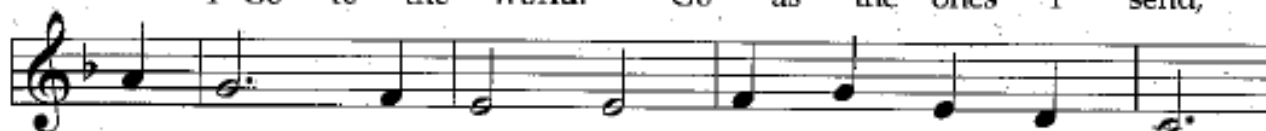
send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
 liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
 lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

# Go to the World!

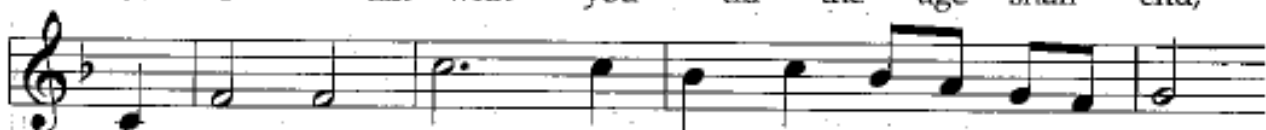
295



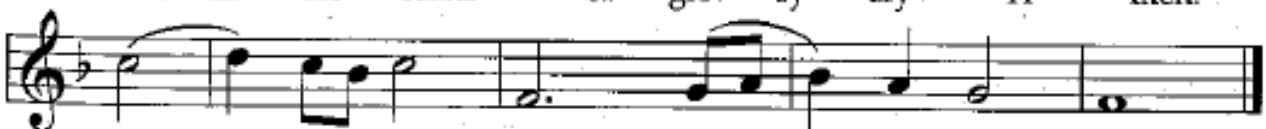
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



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.