

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God, our lives are full of so much that keeps us distracted,
full of activities and TV commercials,
full of background noises and disruptions,
full of strong winds and fires, full of alienation and loss.

You come to us even in the midst of it, and in the silence, in the stillness,
you ask us to eat and rest, to recover our strength and gain some clarity.

Give us the strength to stand up, to go into the wilderness,
and to do the work of blessing others, of feeding others, of giving others rest.
Today we ask that you come in the silence or in the noise of our anxious hearts.

Whisper to us a word of hope and instill in us a word of justice,
that this hurting world might experience the joy of salvation. Amen.

PRELUDE

Adagio in G

Samuel Wesley

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When we long for your presence,
you are there with us, O source of comfort.
When we face dangers and perils,
you are there for us, O source of strength.
When we need to do justice,
you are there within us, O source of courage.
So we come with songs and praises,
**that all the ends of the earth
and all the families of the nations
may know of your love.
Let us praise God!**

*SONG OF PRAISE

In Christ There is No East or West

Hymnal, No. 317

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of Grace,
we have harmed your children
whom you love.
Because we do not understand them,
we segregate them,
we reject them,
we demonize them,
and we hurt them.
Forgive us, in your infinite love,
and teach us to welcome
all of your children
until our hospitality
is as wide as your mercy.
Help us to understand others
as we wish to be understood.
Guide us to love one another
as you love us.**

(Time for silent reflection)

Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ 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

Julie Forthman

SCRIPTURE READING

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Galatians 3:23–29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 43

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

**For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off?
Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?**

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

ANTHEM

Love Grows Here

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Thea McKee

*SONG OF FAITH

How Long, O Lord

Hymnal, No. 777

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Holy triune God, **have mercy on us.**

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

Our Hope, Our Life

Hymnal, No. 847

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Alleluia Fanfare

L. Dean Bye

*Please rise in body or spirit.

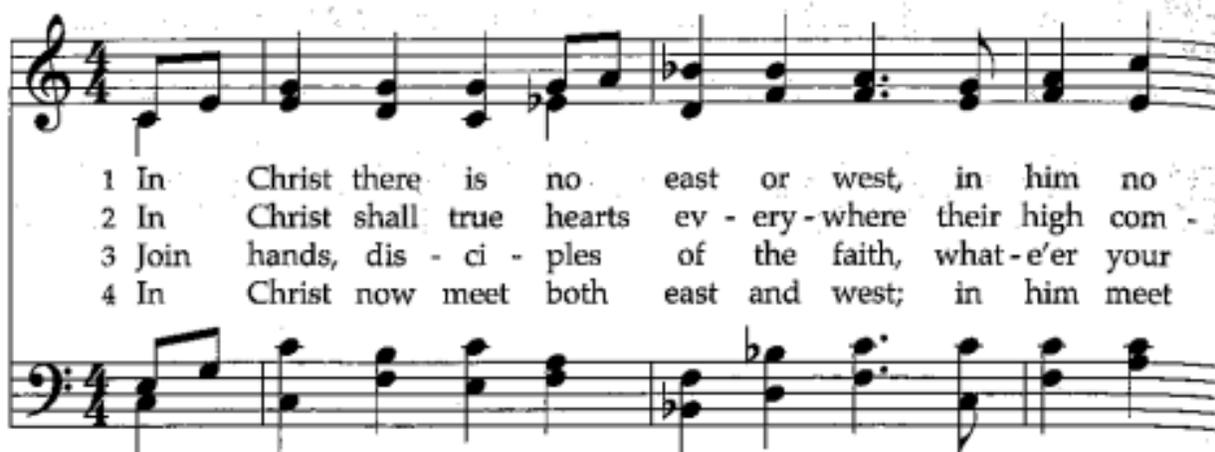
We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for June 29: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for June are tampons and bug spray. **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.

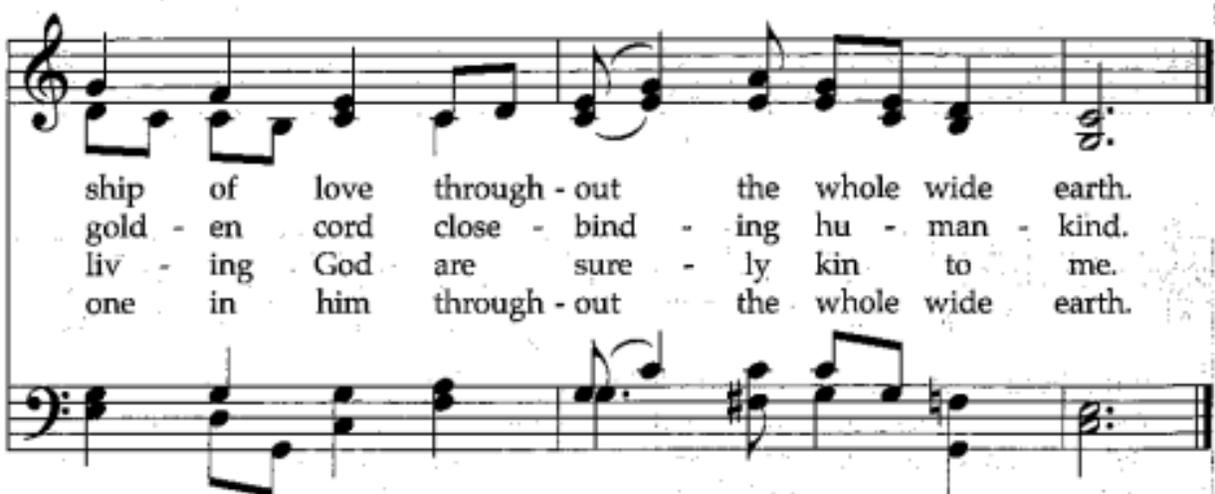
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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet



south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

How Long, O Lord

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(Psalm 13)



1 How long, O Lord, will you for - get an an - swer to my
2 How long, O Lord, will you for - sake and leave me in this
3 How long, O Lord? But you for - give with mer - cy from a -



prayer? No to - kens of your love I see; your face is
way? When will you come to my re - lief? My heart is
bove. I find that all your ways are just; I learn to

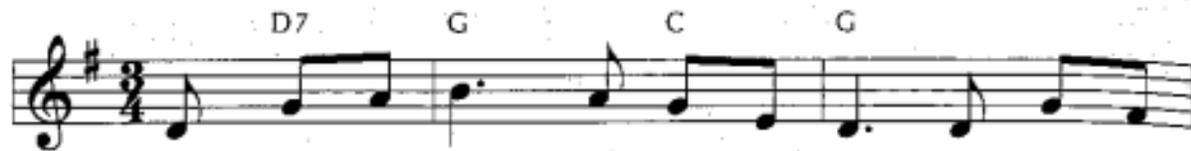


turned a - way from me; I wres - tle with de - spair!
o - ver - whelmed with grief, by e - vil night and day!
praise you and to trust in your un - fail - ing love!

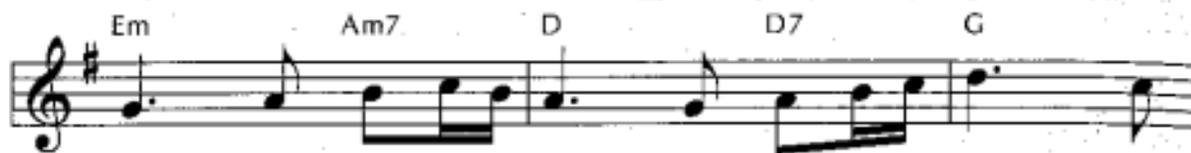
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Our Hope, Our Life

(Psalm 49)



1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we
 2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they
 3 Though wealth or learn - ing may be ours, or fame that
 4 Be - yond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a



hon - or and con - fess. Why crave re - nown or
 cher - ish will de - cay; and still the ran - som
 spreads through - out the land, the shack - les of mor -
 bet - ter des - ti - ny: the Lord will lift us



op - u - lence? They fade, those things we now pos - sess.
 for a soul re - mains a price too great to pay.
 tal - i - ty pre - vent so much that we have planned.
 free from death to dwell in praise e - ter - nal - ly.