

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God, in a world driven by fear and greed,
you set a plumb line in the midst of your people
by which you determine justice and discern what is good.
Speak your Word to us,
that though the world resist and our hearts grow faint
we may see clearly, act justly, and live faithfully by your grace. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude in G

Ian Higginson

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come with willing hearts and eager minds.

**Lead us in your truth,
O God of our salvation!**

We come in our weakness and wander.

**Teach us your ways,
O God of our salvation!**

We come seeking the path of justice.

**We are ready to follow,
O God of our salvation!**

*SONG OF PRAISE

To God be the Glory

Hymnal, No. 634

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Gracious God,
Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched
by loving you and loving our neighbors.
We confess that love is hard for us.
We are too selfish or too pessimistic,
too hollow or too hardened,
or just too tired
to give ourselves to love's demands.
Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness.
Cleanse our hearts
that we might find the strength
to do what love requires
and the grace to receive
what love has to give.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
whose love has no boundary. Amen.
(Time for silent reflection)**

Mercy ceaselessly flows from the heart of God.
This is good news!

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

Karen Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 956

Colossians 1:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Se-
lah**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."**

Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 7:7-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

No Judgment

Rev. Dr. Charles Carroll Smith

*SONG OF FAITH

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Hymnal, No.305

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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:... In faith, **O God, we seek your grace.**

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

Lord Jesus You Shall be my Song

Hymnal, No. 737

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Ian Higginson

*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 July 20: Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52; Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for July are deodorant and sunscreen. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

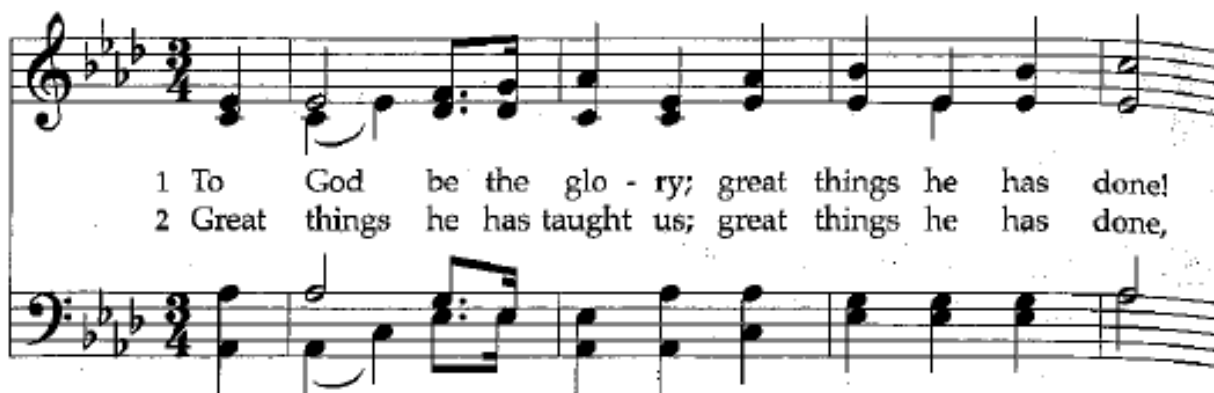
Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Carroll Smith

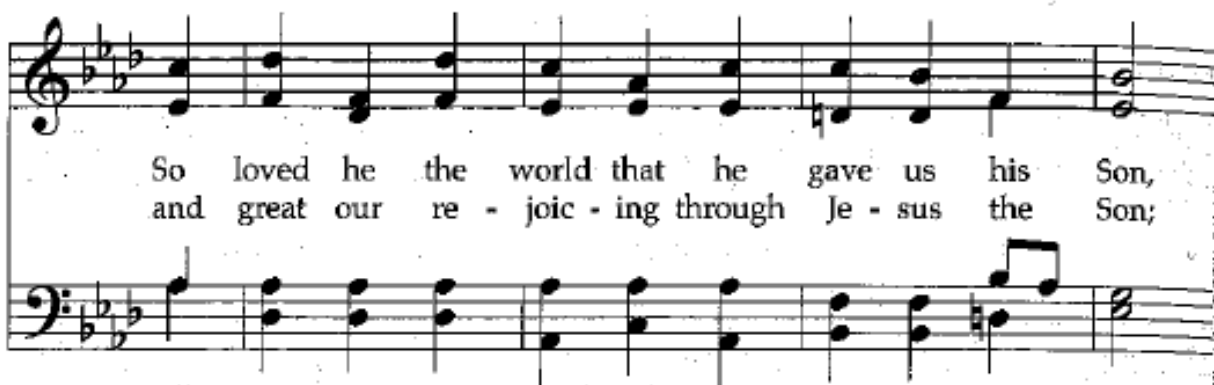
Charlie Smith was born in Virginia. He spent his elementary-school years in suburban Kansas City, and then moved with his family to Oklahoma City. He graduated from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va., with a journalism degree and worked for newspapers in Roanoke, Va., Kansas City, St. Joseph, Mo., and Omaha, Neb.; The Associated Press in Richmond, Va., and Oklahoma City; and Radio Free Europe in Munich, Germany.

Along the way, he married Diana, a high-school acquaintance in Oklahoma City. After a generation in journalism, Charlie pursued a call into ministry, graduating from Dubuque Seminary in 2003. He received a Doctorate in Ministry from McCormick Seminary in 2016. He has served as pastor to churches in Kingfisher, Okla.; Newark, Ohio; and Salina, Kan. Since 2020, he has served as Presbytery Pastor for Indian Nations Presbytery in his hometown of Oklahoma City. He plans to retire at the end of this year.

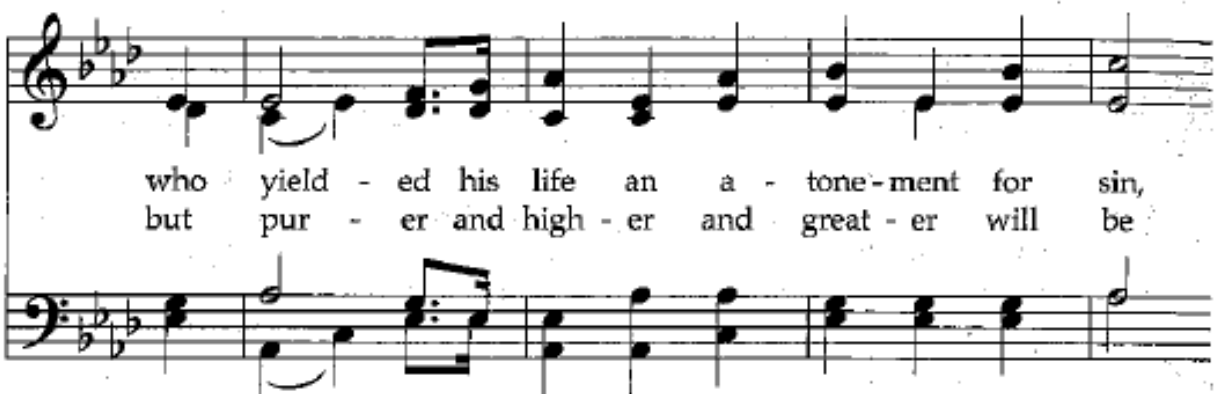
To God Be the Glory




1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

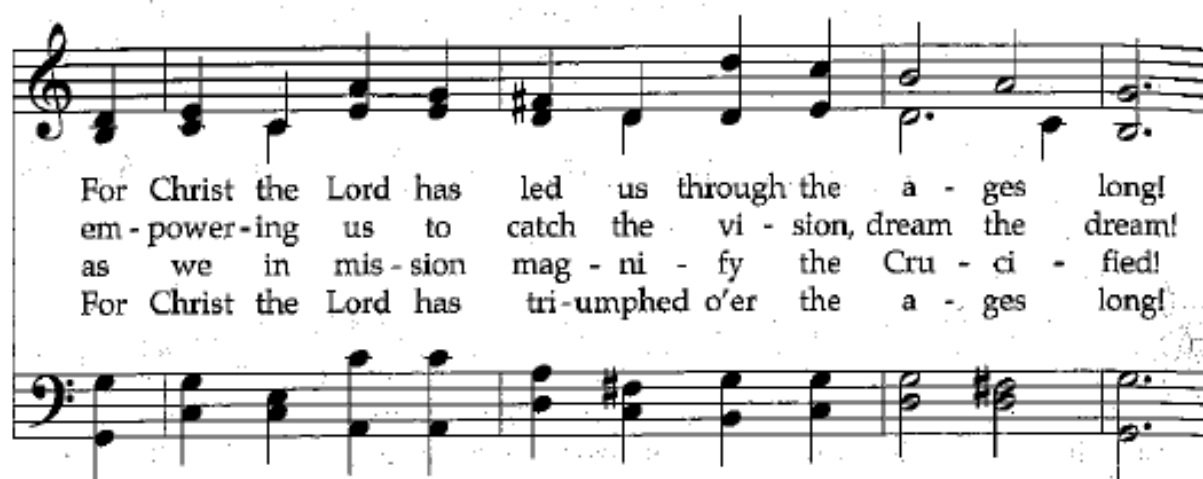
O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

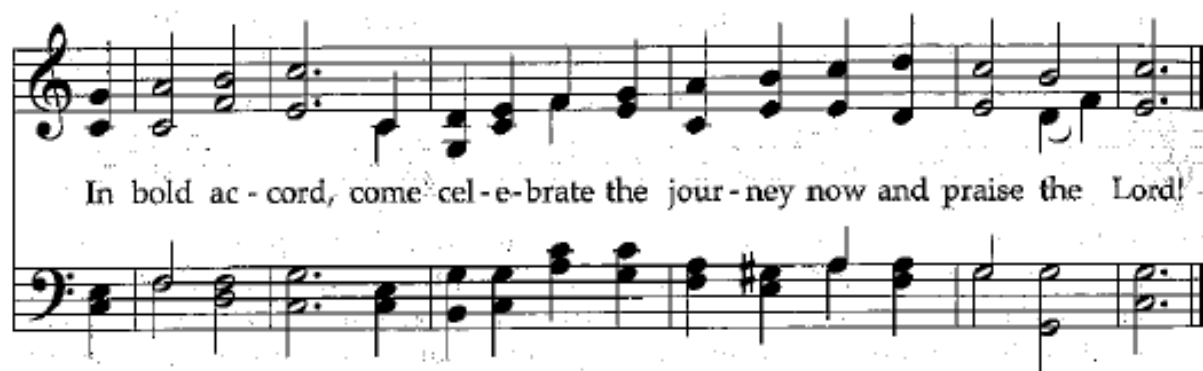
305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



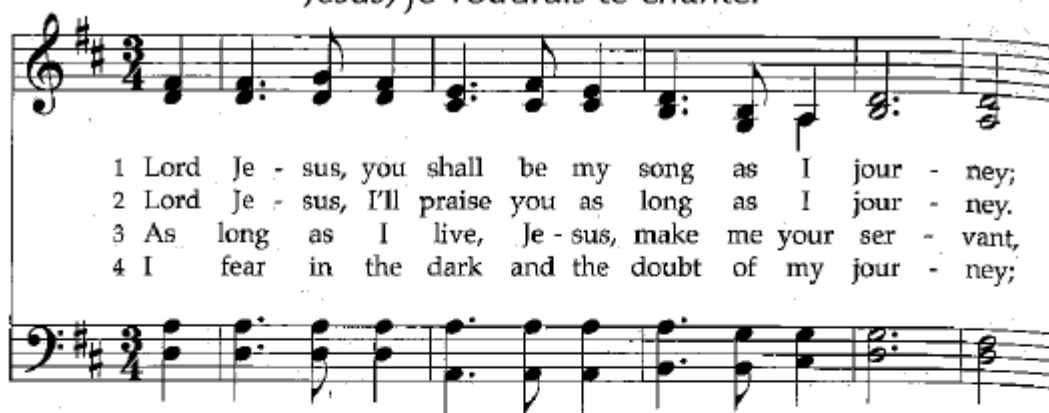
For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



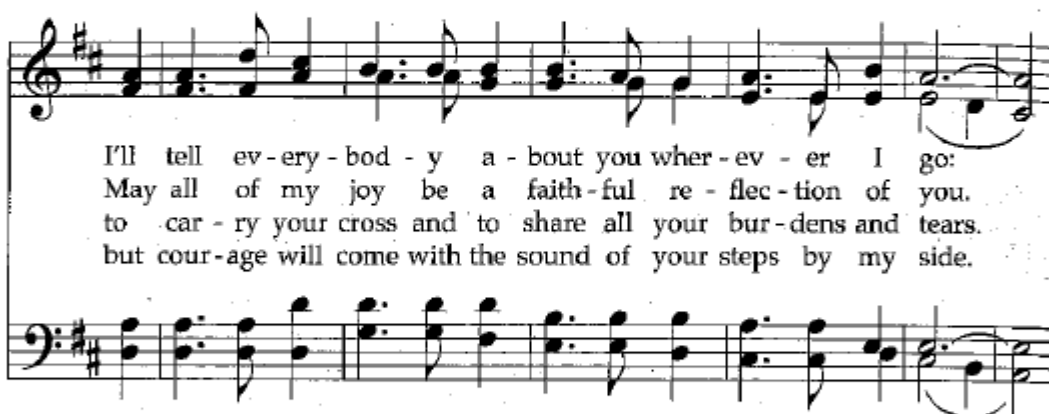
In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

737 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

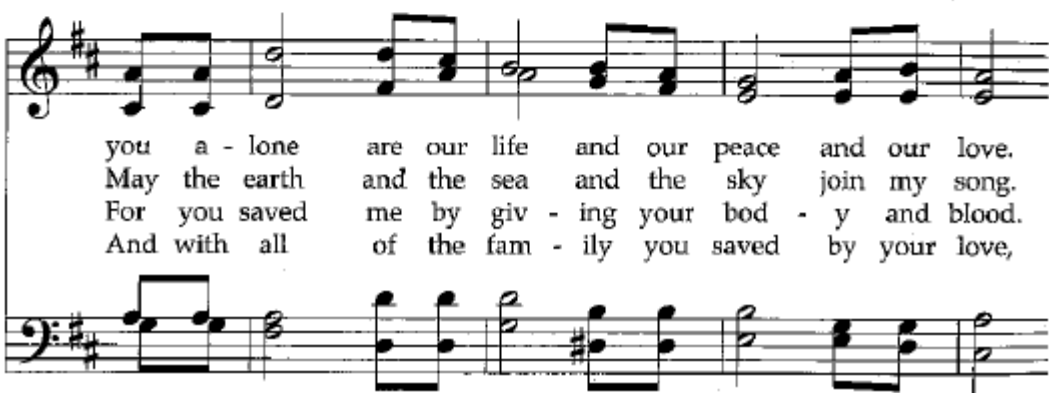
Jésus, je voudrais te chanter



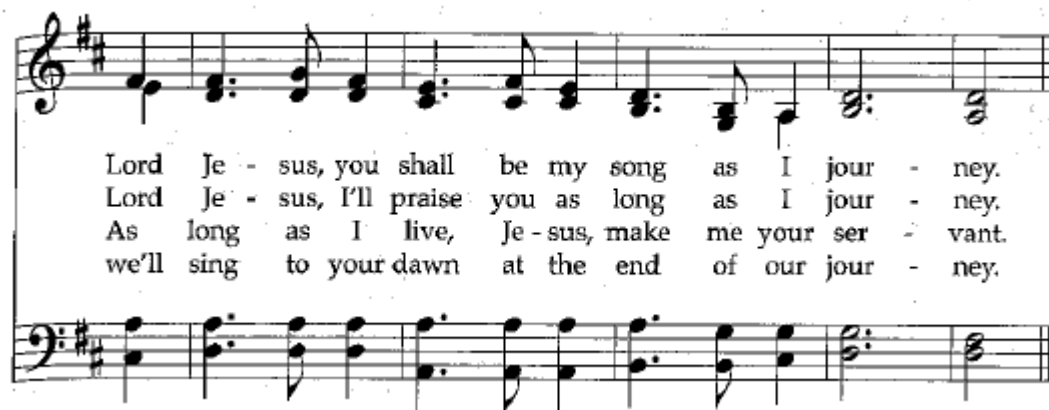
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



I'll tell ev - ery - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - ily you saved by your love,



Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.