

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of grace, God of mystery,  
there is so much of our lives,  
so much in the world,  
that we do not know,  
that is beyond our understanding.  
We come to you in humility and trust,  
surrendering our desire to judge and to control.  
Bless us that now in our worship,  
and in all our lives,  
we may devote ourselves  
to your will and your wisdom alone.  
We pray in the name and the spirit of Jesus. Amen.*

### PRELUDE

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Lovett

When God could stomp feet and yell,  
**God tiptoes into our hearts to whisper mercy.**  
When God could play favorites,  
locking others out of the house,  
**God holds wide the arms of love  
to embrace everyone.**  
When God could break promises,  
going back on every word given,  
**God picks up those we trip  
on the way to success,  
and cradles the lonely and frightened.**  
Let us worship this God we love.

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Hymnal, No. 182

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray together:

**Why do we keep messing up, O God? We know what is right but keep choosing the wrong. We wrestle with our consciences but get pinned to the mat every time. We argue with our desires but they always win the debate. There's just something inside of us that keeps us from being us, those little nudges which just get pushier, those whispers of seduction getting louder and louder.**

**But just when we think we are lost, Jesus comes along and says, 'let me show you what I have learned.' And, by your grace, Forgiving God, we find our way home, no longer burdened by our foolishness, no longer distracted by the trolls of life, no longer alone as we walk with the One who came to rescue us from ourselves, Jesus our beloved sibling. Amen. (Time of silent reflection)**

God promises us life, grace, forgiveness, and hope. And God never goes back

on any promises. This, my friends, is our good news.

**Thanks be to God, who never gives up on us, but whose love is always wrapped around us. 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

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 7:15-25a

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Hymnal, No. 183

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ, our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected.**

**In Christ, God's Word of acceptance takes flesh:  
by grace through faith we are set right with God,  
adopted as children of God,  
not because of anything we have done,  
but because of what Christ has done.  
In Christ, God's Word of demand is lived out:  
to love God and neighbor as Jesus did  
is what God requires of us.  
The Spirit adds no different Word from God,  
but leads us deeper  
into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.  
(from *A Declaration of Faith*)**

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

#### THE OFFERING

##### \*DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because we're given  
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
Let the poor say, "We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### **SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

May our promise keeping God be with you.

**And with you as well.**

Though weary, broken, fearful,  
let us offer our hearts to God.

**For God will heal our hearts,  
strengthen them, fill them with hope.**

Come now and join all creation  
in singing glad songs to God.

**Our voices join with morning songbirds  
and crickets chirping in the night.**

...we sing our praises to God:

**You are holy, God who does not play favorites.  
We join all creation in forever singing your praises.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One whose life  
is ever interwoven with ours.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

...we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

**Gathering up his fears,  
Jesus forged them into faith.  
Gathering up his brokenness,  
Jesus walked into new life.  
Gathering us into his heart,  
Jesus will journey home with us.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

This Is My Song

Hymnal, No. 340

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

\*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. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for July 12: Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

The Food & Shelter items **for July are sunscreen and bug spray**. Please place your donations in the box by the coffee and snacks.