

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*O Sower of Love,
we are ready soil.
Plant your word in us;
nourish it in the sun of your grace
and the rain of your love.
May it bear fruit
by the power of your Spirit. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Romanze in F, Op. 118, No. 5

Johannes Brahms

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lucy Lanning

Your grace is a lamp for our hearts, O God.

Light our way through the shadows of this world.

When we struggle with questions and doubts,

tell us your stories of hope and grace.

When we are about to wander off into the wilderness,

show us the paths to your peace and joy.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Gather Us In

Hymnal, No. 401

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

O God, we are quick to say,

"We didn't know."

"We didn't mean to."

"We didn't expect that to happen."

But we have not tended the soil of our lives.

We let it stay shallow and rocky

by not learning from the experience of others.

We let it be riddled with thorns

by succumbing to our own prejudices.

Life-giving God,

Help us to tend our soil.

Open us to being challenged,

enable us to learn,

so that your word will take root

and bear good fruit in our lives.

(Time for silent reflection)

There is no condemnation for us:

God has forgiven us

that we might live according to the Spirit.

The Spirit of God dwells within us.

Thanks be to God!

*THE PEACE

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

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Romans 8:1–11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 65:9-13

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,

they shout and sing together for joy.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Daily Decision

Rev. Tylar G. Grant

*SONG OF FAITH

Blest Be the God of Israel

Hymnal, No. 109

*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))

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response...Lord, in your mercy, **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

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

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

For the Healing of the Nations

Hymnal, No. 346

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Air in E Major

George Handel

*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 19: Genesis 28:10-19a and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

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