

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*Sovereign God,
your Spirit is ever present with us.
Where can we flee your presence?
You are the beginning and the ending,
the first and the last,
and all that exists in between.
When your Spirit seems hidden from us,
teach us to recognize your presence and to respond,
for your name's sake. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Clark Kelly

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lucy Lanning

Early in the morning, we gather
at the edge of heaven,
**finding the gates flung wide open
by the One who welcomes all.**

Early in the morning, we come
to this holy place of worship,
**to be touched by the One
who offers us grace and love.**

Early in the morning, we worship God,
who adopts us into the family,
**to be filled by the One who would
pour us out in service to the world.**

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Hymnal, No. 54

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home.

Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

(Time for silent reflection)

Proclaim the good news with me:

Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home. 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 8:12-25

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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MESSAGE

Can You Spot the Weeds?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Hymnal, No. 169

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Hymnal, No. 716

*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 26: Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128; 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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