

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O God,  
you have assured the human family of eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in him,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of the Lord rings out over the waters.

**The love of the Holy Three washes over the world.**

Let us worship the God whose voice flashes fire

**and whose love cannot be bound.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymnal, No. 2

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

It is only by the power of God

that we are able to stand against evil.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**For you so loved the world, O God,**

**that you came among us**

**to feel our pain, amplify our joy, and bless our broken stories.**

**For you so loved the world, O God,**

**that you are among us still,**

**calling us by your spirit to follow in the way of your love.**

**Forgive us when we do not listen, O God:**

**when we forget the love that you have for us**

**and the love we are called to share with one another.**

**Forgive us, three-in-one God,**

**and let your love transform our lives.**

(Time of silent reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

\*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 Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name  
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted  
your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have  
heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty  
he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord,  
endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Images of Faith

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Great God of Every Blessing

Hymnal, No. 694

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Jesus Christ is God with humankind.  
He is the eternal Son of the Father,  
who became human and lived among us  
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.  
He is present in the church  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to continue and complete his mission.  
This work of God,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
is the foundation of all confessional statements  
about God, humanity, and the world.  
Therefore, the church calls all people  
to be reconciled to God and to one another.  
*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.07***

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

## THE OFFERING AND DEDICATION PRAYER

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

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

#### \*SENDING SONG

This Is My Father's World

Hymnal, No. 370

#### \*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. 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 13: Semicontinuous: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 and Psalm 20; Complimentary: Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for January is **Non-Perishable foods of all kinds as they were cleared out during the holidays**. 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.

# 2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:  
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

# 694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

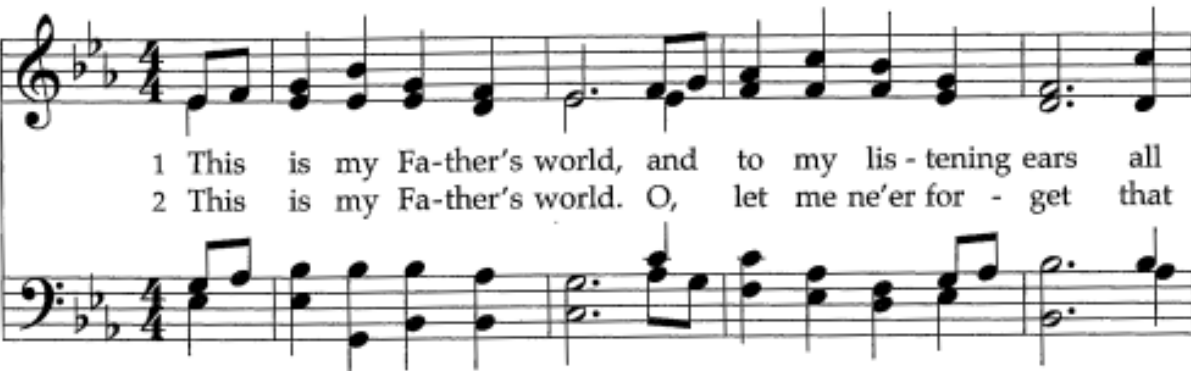
MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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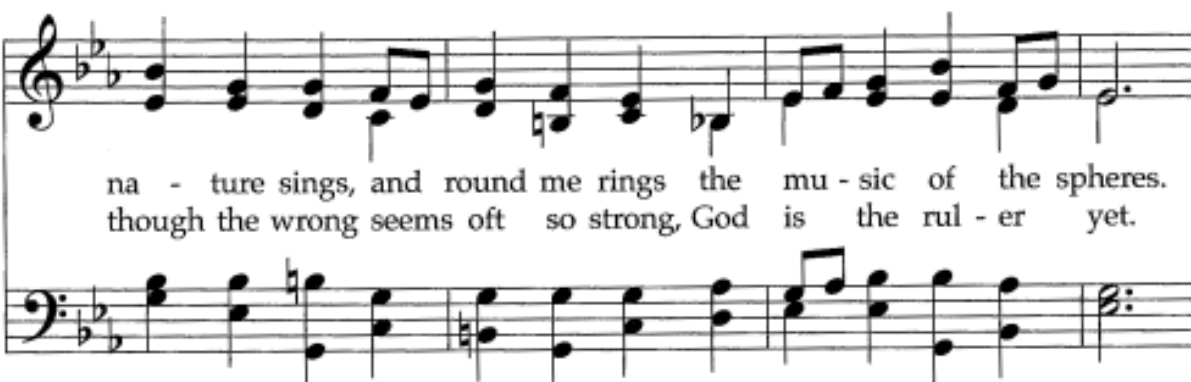
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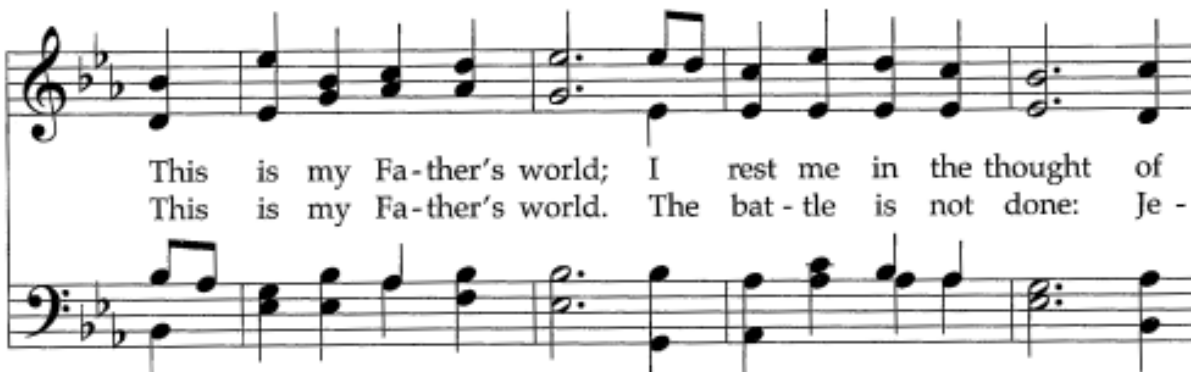
# 370 This Is My Father's World



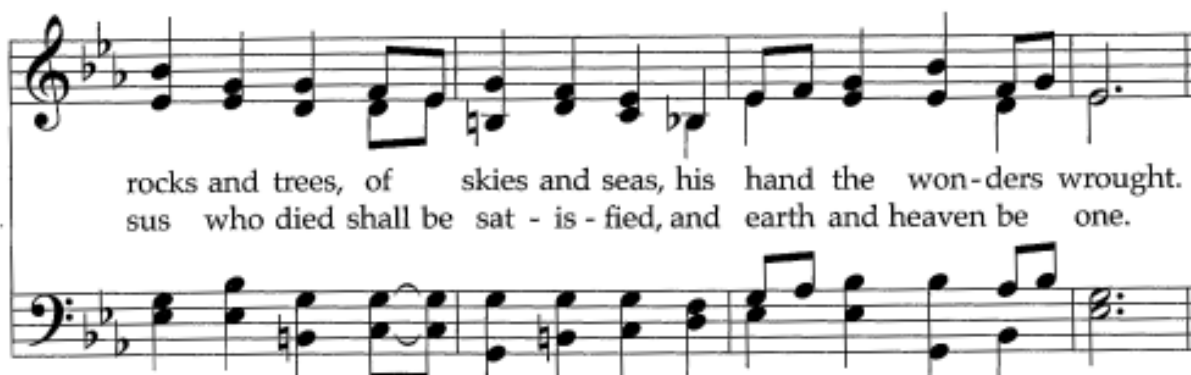
1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.  
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.