

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

All-powerful God,
in Jesus Christ you turned death into life,
and defeat into victory.
Increase our faith and trust in him,
that we may triumph over all evil,
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God we worship is the giver of life:

**the One who makes the dry tree green
and grows a forest from the smallest seed.**

The God we worship is the giver of life:

**the One who forms us, names us, loves us,
and teaches us to share our lives with the world.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

For the Fruit of All Creation

Hymnal, No. 36

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

**When our actions are not consistent with the truth of your gospel,
forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us and free us.**

**When our lives do not proclaim the power of your love,
compel us, Lord. Free us and forgive us.**

**When our minds are full of self-condemnation, with no room for your
grace,**

revive us Lord. Forgive us and compel us.

**For our lives are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ,
and through Christ's love alone we are reconciled to you.**

(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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,

showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26-34

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Life In Parable

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

It is Good to Sing Your Praises

Hymnal, No. 682

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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

*The offering plates are in the narthex.
You are invited to make an offering as you depart today.*

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

There Is Now a New Creation

Hymnal, No. 774

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the blessing of the Trinity—
holy, holy, holy Lord—
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here I am; send me!" **Amen**

*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 20: Semicontinuous: 1 Samuel 17(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20; or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Psalm 133; Complementary: Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-4.

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live-streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing in the next few weeks as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

Food & Shelter items are being collected in the box outside the office.

36 For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

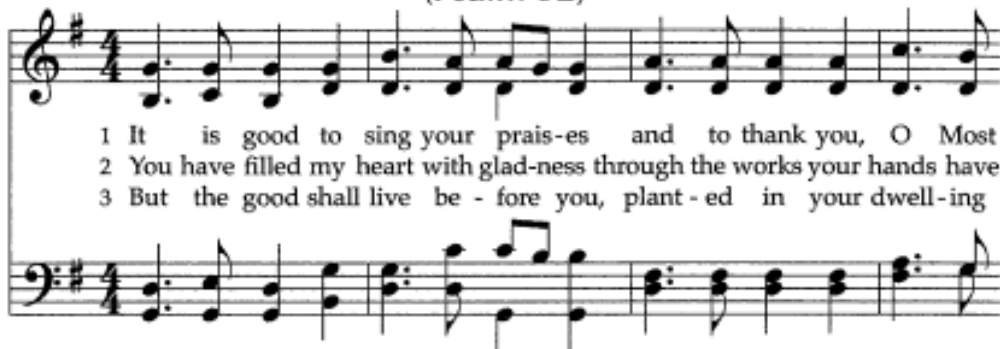
For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
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sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

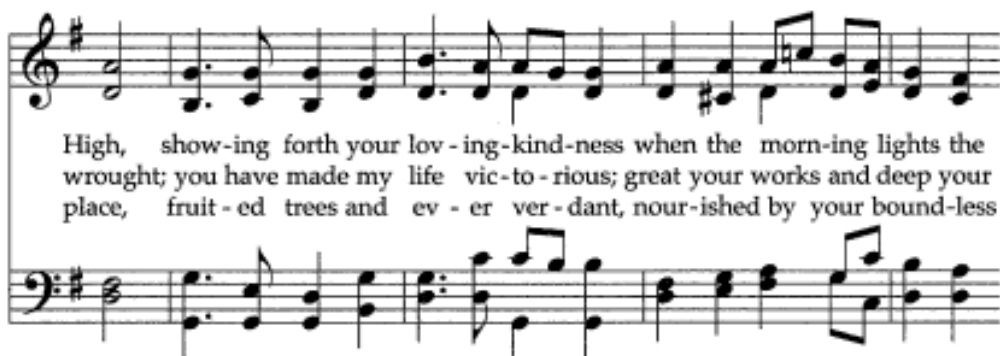
Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

682 It Is Good to Sing Your Praises

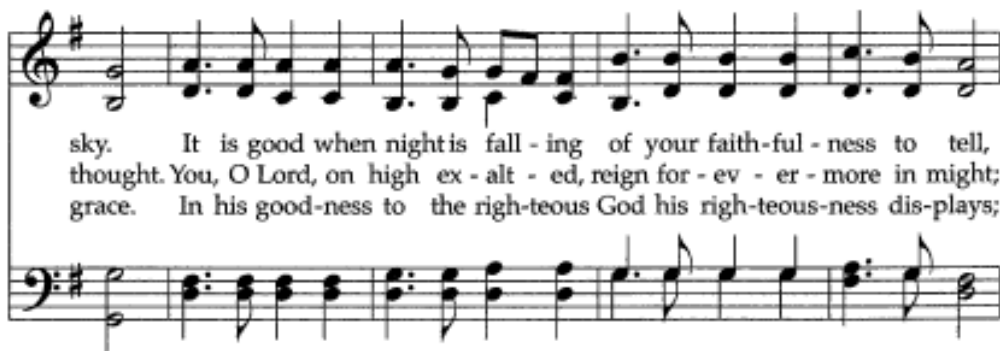
(Psalm 92)



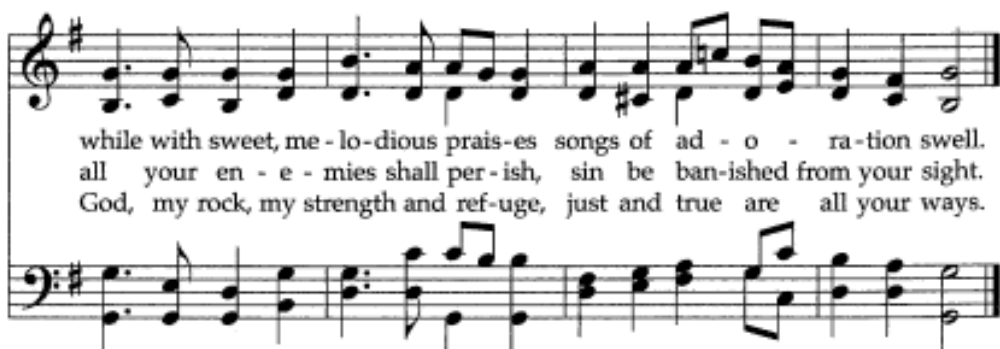
1 It is good to sing your prais-es and to thank you, O Most
2 You have filled my heart with glad-ness through the works your hands have
3 But the good shall live be - fore you, plant - ed in your dwell-ing



High, show-ing forth your lov - ing-kind-ness when the morn-ing lights the
wrought; you have made my life vic - to - rious; great your works and deep your
place, fruit - ed trees and ev - er ver - dant, nour-ished by your bound-less



sky. It is good when night is fall - ing of your faith-ful - ness to tell,
thought. You, O Lord, on high ex - alt - ed, reign for - ev - er - more in might;
grace. In his good-ness to the righ-teous God his righ-teous-ness dis-plays;



while with sweet, me - lo-dious prais-es songs of ad - o - ra-tion swell.
all your en - e - mies shall per - ish, sin be ban-ished from your sight.
God, my rock, my strength and ref-uge, just and true are all your ways.

Psalm 92, paraphrased here, is the only psalm that the Bible assigns to a specific day: the Sabbath. This may be because of the mention of "works" in stanza two, recalling that, after six days of creation, God rested on the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3), when the faithful do the same.

774 There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!



At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

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MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

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