

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Eternal God,  
Author of our life  
and End of our pilgrimage:  
Guide us by your Word and Spirit  
amid all perils and temptations,  
that we may not wander from your way,  
nor stumble in the darkness;  
but may finish our course in safety,  
and come to our eternal rest in you;  
through the grace and merit  
of 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

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Mark Sedio

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are to worship the Lord.

**Let us bring our songs, our prayers, and our worries.**

For the Lord is our shepherd, and we shall not want.

**The Lord is our redeemer, and we shall be free.**

Let us create a sabbath space

**and worship the God who gives us life.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Hymnal, No. 309

### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

**We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs.**

**Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions.**

**You have called us to tend your sheep:**

**to care for your people around the world,**

**to share what we have, and to reflect your love.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow,**

**when our love for our neighbors is empty,**

**and when our love for ourselves is hard to find.**

**Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short,**

**and by your forgiveness, free us to try again.**

*(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

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 89:20-37

I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

**my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.**

The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

**I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.**

My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

**I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.**

He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

**I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.**

Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

**I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.**

If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,

**if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,**

then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

**but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.**

I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

**Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.**

His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

**It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies." Selah**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

Page No. 950

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

The Household of God

Samuel McCann

\*SONG OF FAITH

For all the Faithful Women

Hymnal, No. 324

\*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; those who are worshipping  
with us on-line will find information on giving on the church website,  
[www.memorialpres.org](http://www.memorialpres.org).*

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG Blest Be the Tie That Binds Hymnal, No. 306

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE Precious Lord, Take My Hand Mark Hayes

\*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.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

**Lectionary Readings** for July 25: Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14; Complementary: 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.

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 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.

**We are saying "goodbye" to our wonderful organist/pianist/Kid's Club Choir Director Emily Rudquist.** Emily has accepted a Post-Graduate Fellowship at the New School for Music Study in Kingston, New Jersey. Her last Sunday will be July 25th. While we are very sorry to have her leave us, we certainly wish her the best.

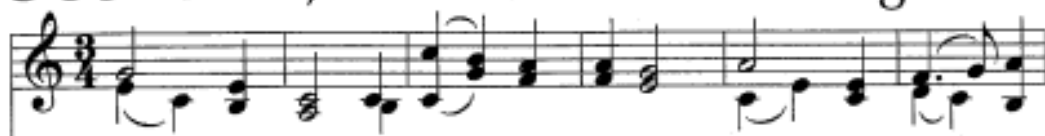
**MISSION AND EVANGELISM:** We are happy to be back worshipping in person! This gives us the opportunity to again collect food and clothing to provide these necessary resources to members of our community.

**Clothing:** The First Baptist Church has notified us that they need the following items. As you know, they serve the clients of Food and Shelter, and others. If you can donate any of these items, please leave them by the Food collection box outside Tracy's office: Men's shorts, men's shoes, especially athletic shoes, men's jeans waist sizes 30-36.

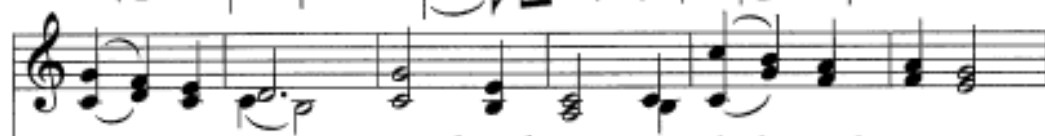
**Food:** Please leave any non-perishable items in the food box.

**Thank you for your support of our mission endeavors during our (too long) time away from our church home.**

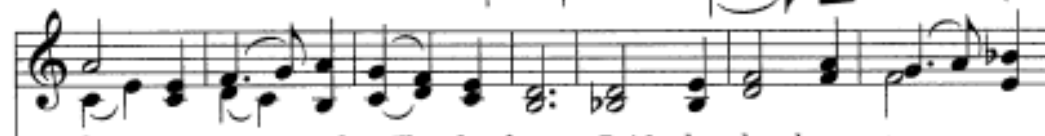
# 309 Come, Great God of All the Ages



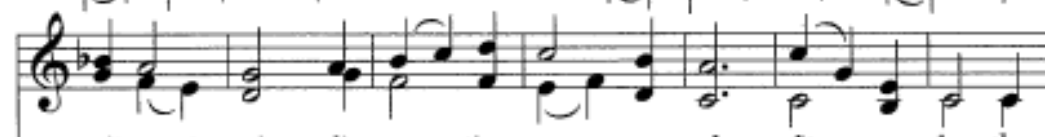
1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly  
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,  
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to  
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the



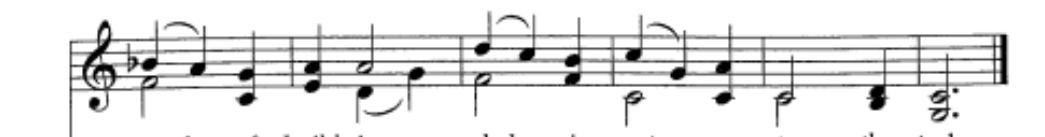
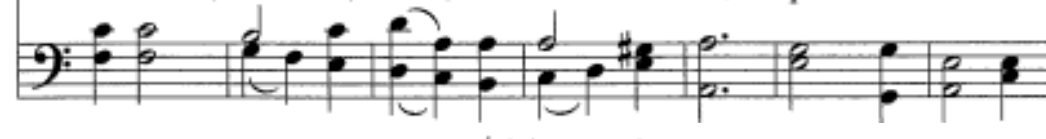
mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;  
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;  
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,  
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing



let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -  
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each  
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -  
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and



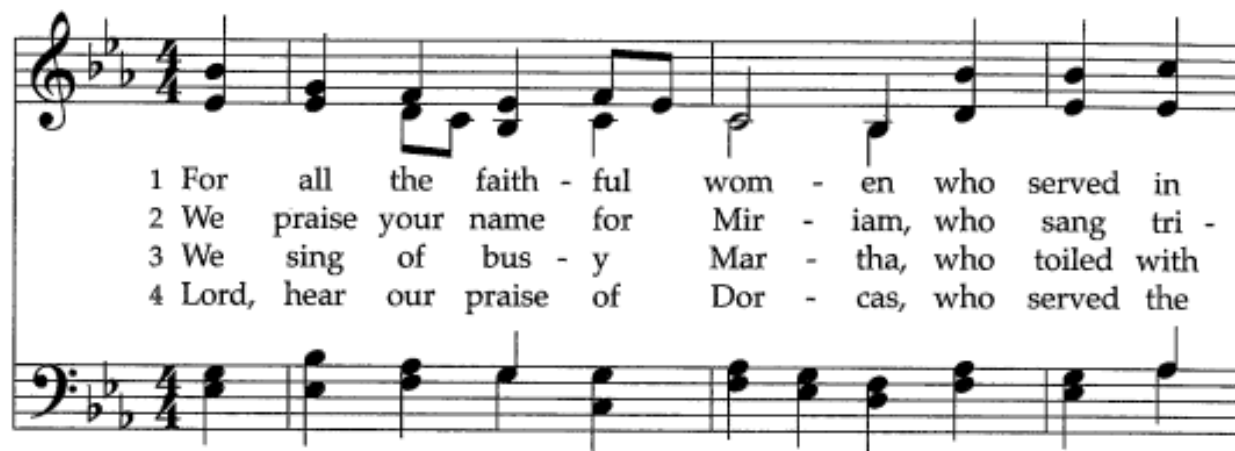
mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the  
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong  
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to  
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the



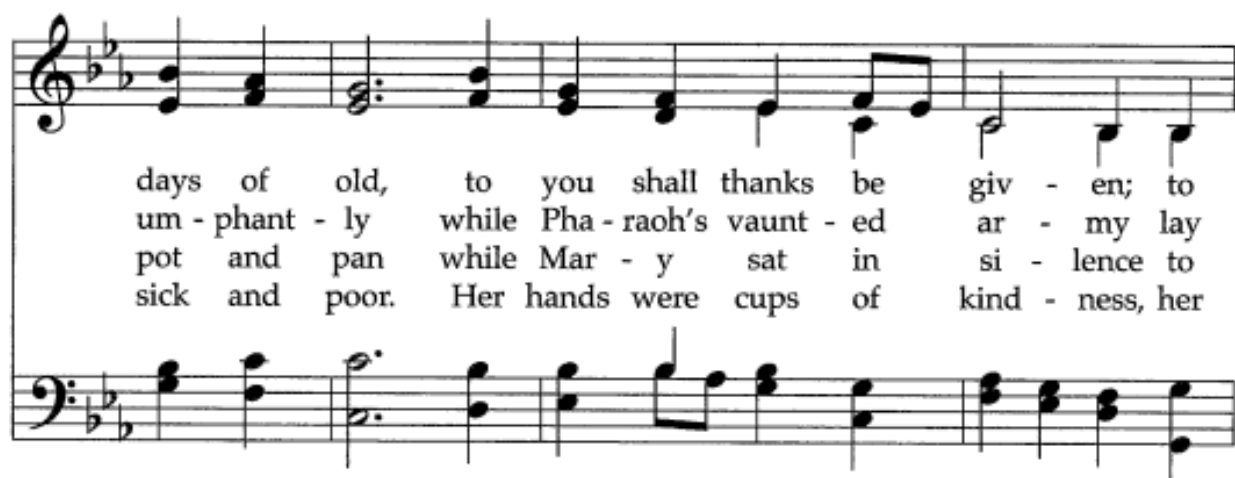
work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.  
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.  
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.  
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.



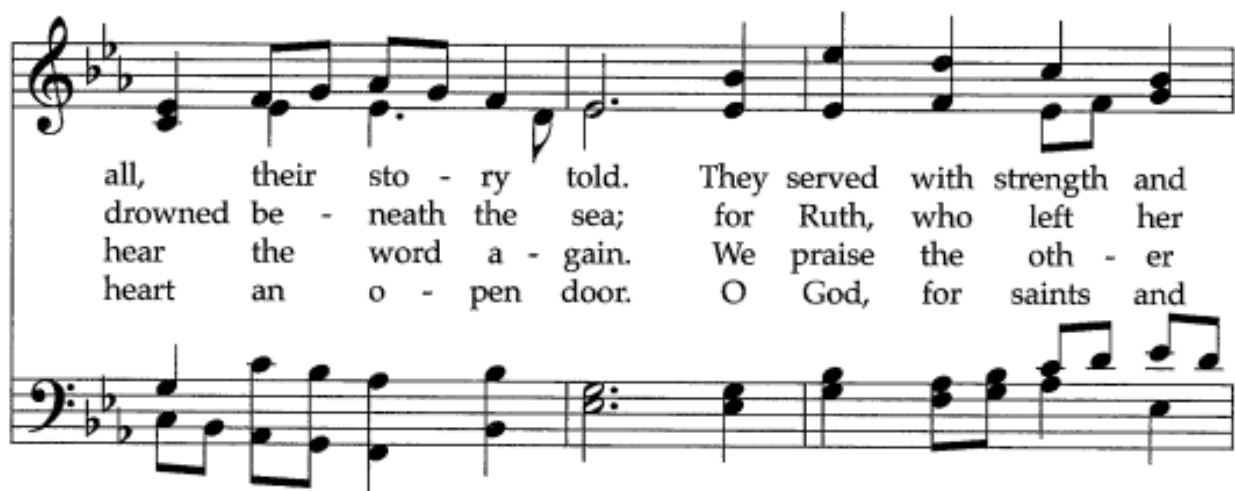
# 324 For All the Faithful Women



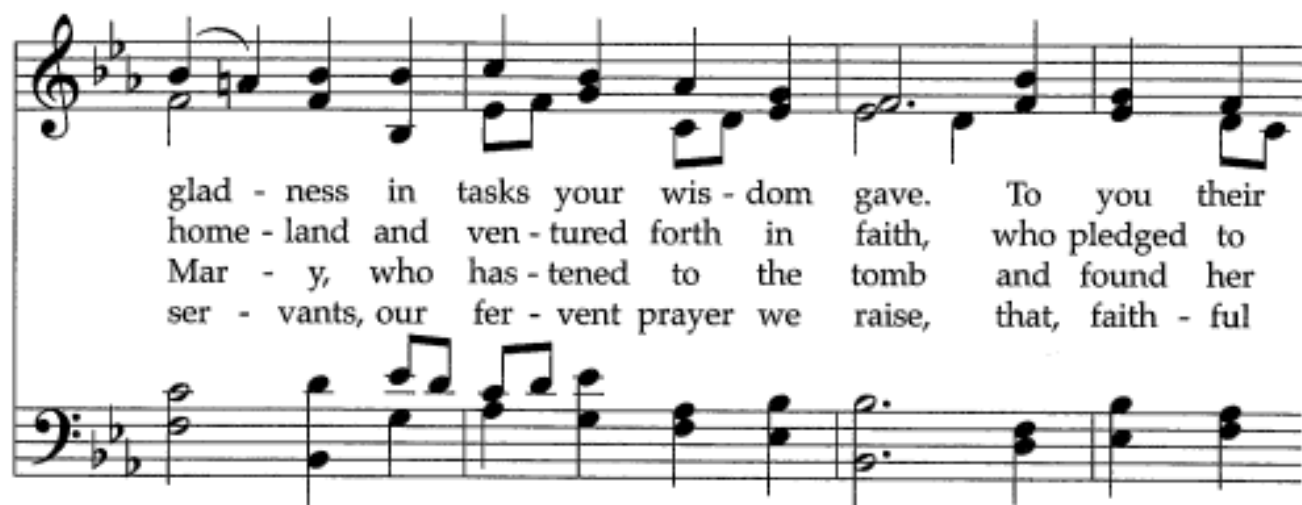
1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in  
2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -  
3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with  
4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the



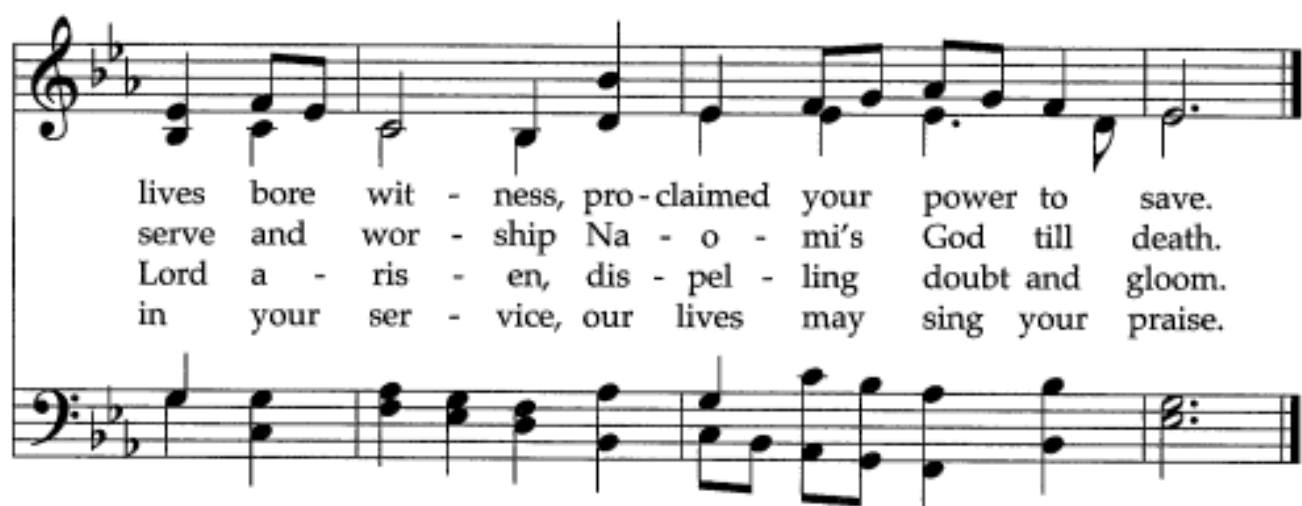
days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to  
um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay  
pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to  
sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and  
drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her  
hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er  
heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their  
home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to  
Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her  
ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.  
serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.  
Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.  
in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

# 306    Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be  
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*On "Amen"