Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	"Small Prelude" BWV 933	J.S. Bach
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

We sought the Lord, and God answered us.

God delivered us from all our fears.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are those who take refuge in God.

*SONG OF PRAISE O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Hymnal, No. 610

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

Hear our prayer, O God of grace.

You have called us to wear truth as a garment, but we are prone to lie and would rather wear a mask. You have called us to struggle against evil in this world, but instead we struggle for success and for power. You have called us to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, but we keep it to ourselves, for fear of being judged. Hear our prayer, O God of grace. Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith. Wash us in your mercy, and make us imitators of your compassion.

(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.

August 8, 2021

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Melissa Gill PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE READING I Kings 19:4-8 Page No. 284 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God. **RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 34:1-8 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. SCRIPTURE READING John 6:35, 41-51 Page No. 868 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God. MESSAGE Tracy L. Evans Sustenance *SONG OF FAITH What Does The Lord Require of You? Hymnal, No. 70 *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:... God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.** 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 worshiping with us on-line will find information on giving on the church website, www.memorialpres.org.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

O Day of Peace

Hymnal, No. 373

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

"Grand Postlude" BWV 999

J.S. Bach

*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 August 15: Semicontinuous: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 and Psalm 111; Complementary Proverbs 9:1-6 and Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

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.

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

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







