

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O God, author and giver of all good things,  
plant in our hearts the love of your name;  
increase in us true religion;  
nourish us with all goodness;  
and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;  
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	Sweet Hour of Prayer David Marvel, Organist	William Bradbury
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*CALL TO WORSHIP		Vince Lesenev
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We gather to worship in the presence of God,  
**as if we stood on God's holy hill.**  
We gather to worship as children of God,  
**as if we were standing in the waters of grace.**  
We gather to worship the living God,  
**for God is here among us.**

*SONG OF PRAISE	For the Beauty of the Earth	Hymnal, No. 14
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### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence,  
who may dwell on your holy hill:  
those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and who speak the truth from their heart.  
And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly.  
So often we stumble on the path of faith.  
The truth makes us nervous,  
and we pretend not to know what is right.  
Have mercy, O God.  
Convict us by your wisdom,  
cleanse us by your grace,  
challenge us by your presence,  
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

Jessica Farris

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1:1-3

Page No. 424

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:15

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MESSAGE

The Power of Story

Rev. Dr. Rick Baggett

\*SONG OF FAITH

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Hymnal, No. 351

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Based on Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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 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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymnal, No. 93

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Faith of our Fathers

Henri Hemy

\*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 September 5: Semicontinuous: Proverbs 22:1-2; 8-9, 22-23 and Psalm 125; Complementary: Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146; James 2"1-10 (11-13) 14-17, Mark 7:24-37.

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.

# 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

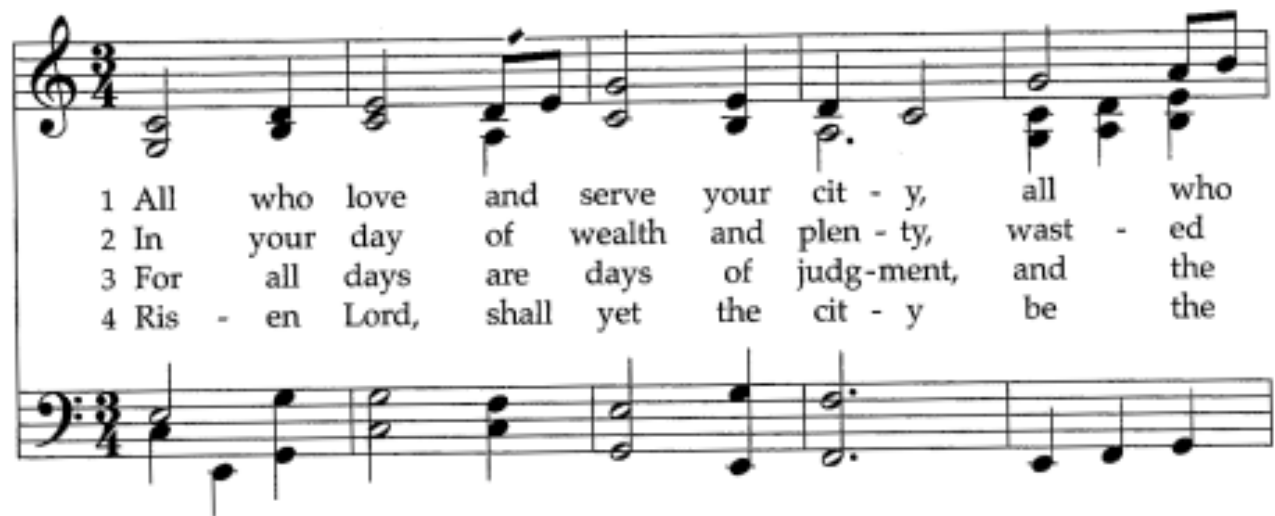
1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

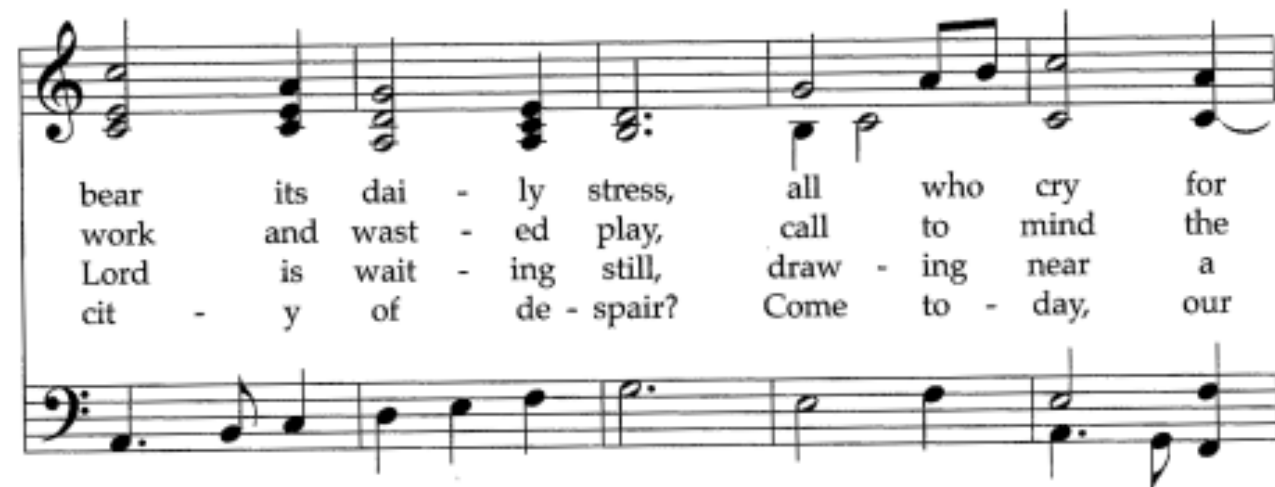
## Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

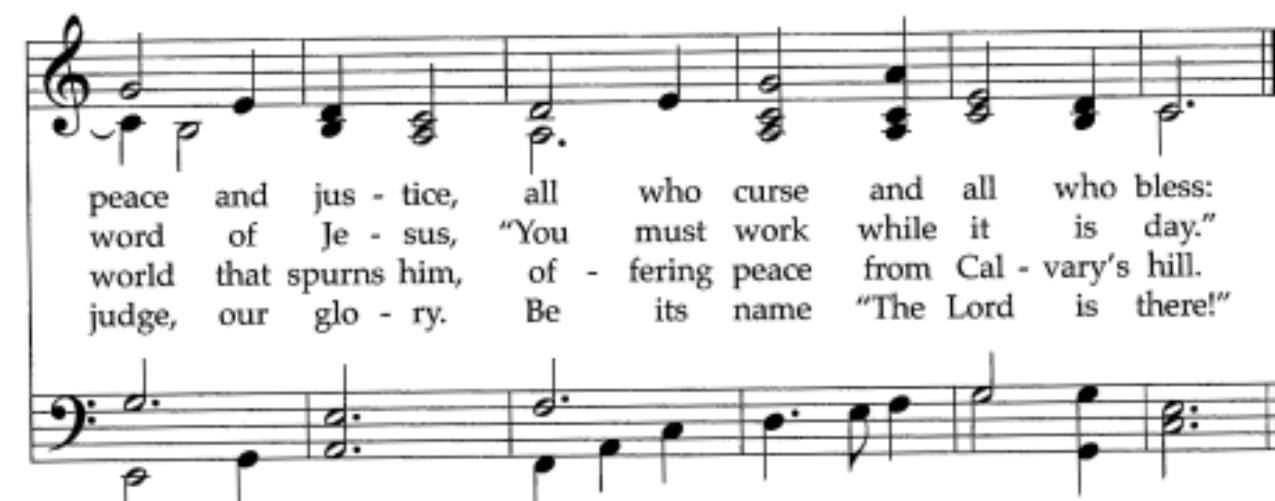
# 351 All Who Love and Serve Your City



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who  
2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed  
3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the  
4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for  
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the  
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a  
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:  
word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."  
world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.  
judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

# 93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.