Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

18th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; 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	What Wondrous Love is this David Marvel, Organist	Carlton Young
*CALL TO WORSHIP	and rises out over the westers	Vince Leseney

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	When in Our Music God is Glorified	Hymnal, No. 641
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*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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**.

September 26, 2021

***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 MOMENT FOR MISSION Joan Cole **PROCLAIMING THE WORD** PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Mike Girdner SCRIPTURE READING James 5:13-20 Page No. 983 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God. **RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 19:7-14 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:38-50 Page No. 821 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God. MESSAGE A Cup of Water Tracy Evans *SONG OF FAITH When God Delivered Israel Hymnal, No. 73

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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:... 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 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 Every Time I Feel the Spirit Hymnal, No. 66

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Blest are they

David Haas

*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 October 3: Semicontinuous: Job 1:1-10; 2:1-10 and Psalm 26; Complementary: Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8; Hebrew 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.

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.

The **Food and Shelter** items of the month for October is **cereal and laundry soap** (preferably pods). 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.





