Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22st Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son, 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 Search Me, O God I-to Loh

David Marvel, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

Come, you who are weary.

Lay down your burdens, for God can carry them.

Come, you who are joyful.

Join in God's praise with the choir of the saints.

Come, you who are doubting.

Behold the one who brings sight to the blind.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE O God, Who Gives Us Life Hymnal, No. 53

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

Heal us of our blindness, O Lord,

for it is a blindness we have chosen.

We close our eyes when faced with suffering of the world,

turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors,

and blur our faces in the mirror,

lest we recognize your image.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

Heal us of our blindness,

and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace.

(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 Jim Rodriquez

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Page No. 641

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:46-52 Page No. 823

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Blind Spots Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace Hymnal, No. 425

*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

(Silence is kept after each petition)
The Lord's Prover

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Be Thou My Vision Hymnal, No. 450

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The blessing of the one God— Spirit, Son, and Father be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Go forth into the world with compassion and with justice in your heart. Give voice to the silent, strength to the weak. See one another, hear one another, care for one another and love one another. It's all that easy and it's all that hard.

*POSTLUDE Open the Eyes of My Heart Paul Baloche

*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.

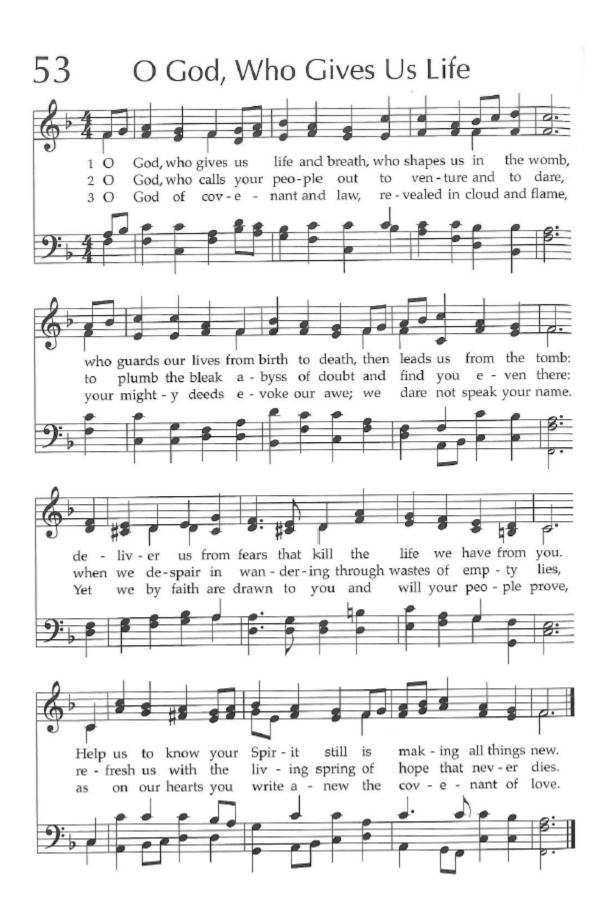
Lectionary Readings for October 31: Semicontinuous: Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146; Complementary: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34.

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 & 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.

Kids Club is coming back! We will be starting kids club Wednesday November 3rd. Please email the church office at mempres1@sbcglobal.net or call the office 405-329-3640 if you need help arranging after school pick-up. Also, we would appreciate any volunteers to help with after school pick-ups or during Kids Club.



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Be Thou My Vision

