

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Loving One,  
may all that I do today  
nourish your beloved lambs.  
May all that I say  
feed souls hungry for grace.  
May all I do  
tend your beloved  
and show the way to green pastures.  
All that I meet are, like me,  
thirsting for love.  
Give me grace to feed your sheep.  
— Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      Holy God, We Praise Your Name                      David Marvel, Organist

## BRINGING THE LIGHT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

**Alleluia!**

Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to our God forever and ever!

**Alleluia!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      Blessing and Honor                      Hymnal, No. 369

### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Generous God,  
in Jesus you have shown us love,  
love that seeks,  
love that suffers,  
love that survives all things.  
You call us, even command us,  
to show that love in our lives.  
Yet we turn away from what you would have us do.  
We confess that the ways of love are not our ways.  
We deny and ignore,  
hurt and hate,  
despise and reject.  
Have mercy on us.  
Help us to receive your love  
so that we can love others.  
Help us to receive your love  
so that we can love ourselves.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Solange Bobga Akinmolayan

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-6

Page No. 893

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

**To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:**

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

Page No. 883

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MESSAGE

A Turning Point

Tracy L. Evans

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Life in Christ is life eternal.  
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign  
that God will consummate the work  
of creation and reconciliation beyond death  
and bring to fulfillment  
the new life begun in Christ.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      Though I May Speak

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

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

COMMUNION SONG    Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken    Hymnal, No.498

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

... Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer  
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE  
COMMUNION MUSIC

This is the Feast of Victory

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal, No. 826

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun

\*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 April 24: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **May is peanut butter**. 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.

## Blessing and Honor

1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and power,  
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;  
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,  
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,  
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.  
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;  
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,  
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flower  
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise:  
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
 ech - o these prais - es and tell of God's power.  
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
 dy - ing in weak - ness but ris - ing to reign.

# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

498

Capo 3: (D)

(Bm)

(G)



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D)

(Bm)



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G)

(D)

(A)



food for - ev - er - more.  
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
with you; do not fear!"  
tell your love and care.

(Bm)

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(Bm)

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(A)

(D)



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm)

(G)

(D)



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

# Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain  
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.