Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Astonishing God,
you give us a vision of the heavenly city,
the new Jerusalem,
your home among mortals on earth.
All people and nations will stream to your city
where they will find nourishment, healing, and peace.
Even now your blessing shines upon all the earth
to help us see a larger vision
of your loving care for all creation.
And so you call us to move beyond our comfortable circles,
and into unfamiliar places,
as we seek to share your dream
of a world made new in Christ, Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit David Marvel, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lucy Lanning

God's goodness is breaking into the world.

We do not expect the Spirit's movement.

God gathers in those we judged to be outsiders.

We witness this in-breaking as healing, wholeness, restoration, and peace.

*SONG OF PRAISE Shall We Gather at the River Hymnal, No. 375

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gracious God.

we equate our judgment with your judgment, and often consider our ways to be your ways. We define peace as the absence of disruption, holding our comfort as your aim and thinking our preferences reflect your way. Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses, believing our worldview corresponds with your vision, and that our narrative contains your hope for the future. O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions. Forgive our selfish views.

Correct us with your truth and teach us by your Spirit.

(Time of silent reflection)

In Jesus Christ you are restored.

Thanks be to our God forever and ever.

*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 WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION Emily Ryther

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15 Page No. 900

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:1-9 Page No. 866

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Recalculating Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart Hymnal, No. 688

*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 and PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response... God of new life, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Go to the World Hymnal, No. 295

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

*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 May 29: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

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.

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