



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Gracious God,
when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day,
you are Lord;
and when chaos threatens to overwhelm
and we dread the next news cycle—
still, you are Lord.
Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining.

Speak then your mercy into this place
until we discover the courage to
open our eyes,
unclench our hands,
and move toward our neighbor in need,
until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace;
for we long to honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude in G

Alan Gray
David Marvel, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of pain—
the pain of losing something precious.

Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of joy—
the joy of finding what was lost.

We gather to hear Jesus speak
words of truth, words of power, words of love.
Speak now, O Lord, for your servants are listening.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Arise, Your Light is Come

Hymnal, No. 744

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Create in us clean hearts, O God,
cast out any transgression you find there—
ransack, renovate, redecorate!
Deep in our hearts,
remove fearful features
and restore your original design.
The old lamps are dim;**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Come! Live in the Light! Hymnal, No. 749

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE We Fall Down

*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 11: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14; Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

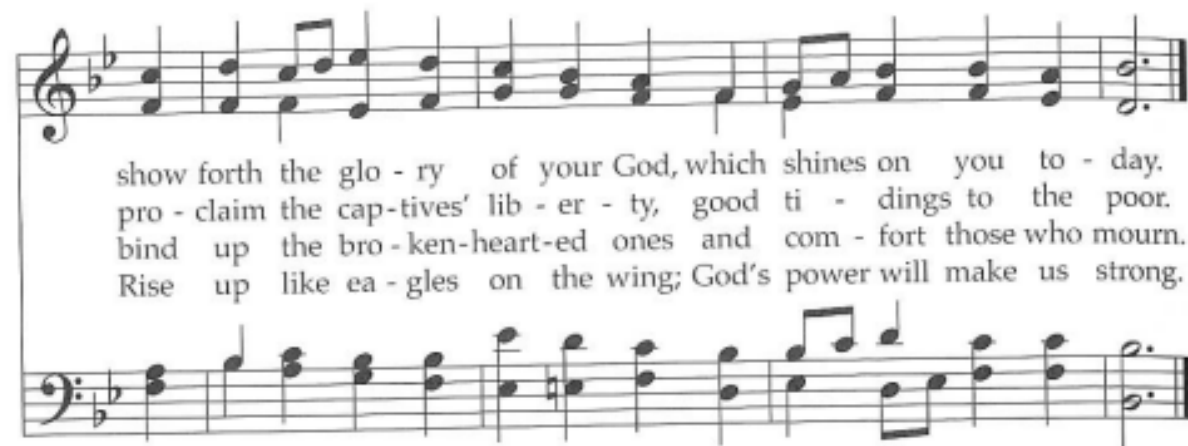
The Food & Shelter item of the month for **September is peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Change My Heart, O God 695

Cámbiame, Señor 항상진실케

Refrain / Estribillo / 후렴

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor, con tu gran po - der.
 항상진실케 내 맘 바꾸사

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
Haz - me co - mo tú, tu yo quie - ro ser.
 주님의 모습 닮게 하소서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.
Tú el al - fa - re - ro, yo el ba - rro soy.
 주는 토기장이 나는 진흙

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Só - lo a tu j - ma - gen, quie - ro siem - pre ser.
 날 빛으소서 기도하오니

The central image of the potter and the clay in this text comes from Isaiah 64:8 (and there is a similar

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Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.