

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of love and mercy, we love because you first loved us.

Open our hearts to your love as we listen for your Word.

May the light of your love fill us, warm us, re-shape us, and empower us to love,
in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on Royal Oak

Mary Beth Bennett

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout
all generations.

**In you, we come home—
to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.
We dwell in you.**

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered
the whole world,
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

**In you, we are home—
we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.
We dwell in you.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

The Lord is God

Hymnal, No. 63

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of love,
your commandments are so simple:
love God, love neighbor, love self.
Yet we cannot always muster that love.
Love for you seems too abstract and distant.
Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining.
Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant.
But you are truly the God of love;
if there is anyone who can help us love,
it is you.
Shower us with your love
so we might have the greatest example,
and help us learn from you.
(Time of silent reflection)**

It is true: we are beloved of God.

The God who loves us does not condemn us.

We will live in the glory of God's love!

*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 to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Page No. 959

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-46

Page No. 804

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Love God. Love People.

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

Hymnal, No. 628

*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.**

(Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Love The Lord Your God

Hymnal, No. 62

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Lobe Den Herren

Jason D. Payne

*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 29: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

The Food & Shelter items of the month for **October are laundry soup and towels (used is fine). 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.

The Lord Is God

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- 1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
- 2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
- 3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
- 4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise



to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.



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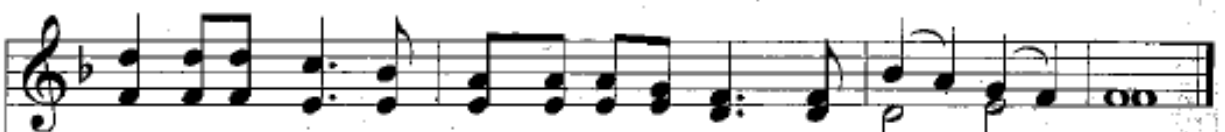
1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. O
2 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. O
3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. O



God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glo-ri-fy your name.



Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. In
Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. In
Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. In



you I will find the source of all my joy. Al - le - lu - ia!



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Love the Lord Your God

Capo 4: (C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

(C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

(F) (Dm7) (Em7) (Am7) (Dm7) (G) (C)
A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 F#m7 B E

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

(F) (Dm7) (Em7) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 A B E

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.