

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Gracious God,
in many quiet ways you come to us;
you speak to us.
Grant us the grace to listen with our hearts,
to look with the eyes of our souls.
Open our hearts,
that we may know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day praising you,
with Christ your Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Chosen Tune

Herbert Howells

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Eternal God, source of all wisdom, we praise you.

Open the eyes of our hearts, so that we may see your truth.

Risen Christ, you whose word rings true, we greet you.

Open our ears, so that we may hear your voice.

Holy Spirit, you whose light shines in us, and guides our way, we thank you.

Open our hearts, and give us courage to seek your wisdom.

Come, Spirit of Life, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

To God Be The Glory

Hymnal, No. 634

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

God of abundant mercy,

you embodied love for us in the life of Jesus Christ.

You ate with sinners and shared with outcasts.

You loved with boldness and healed with grace.

Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust your love:

when we doubt whether we are worthy of your care.

Forgive us, O God, when we try to cheapen love:

when we limit it to shallow feelings instead of bold actions.

Help us, O God, when we cannot feel your love,

when we are isolated, afraid, and unable to see your presence.

Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.

Free us to try again,

and let your love lead the way.

(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 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 FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Mike Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 3:1-10

Page No. 215

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51

Page No. 862

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Come and See

Tracy L. Evans

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

To Ruling Elder: Lucy Lanning, Donna Vint

To Deacon: Gladys Jangha, Gysheilla Tita-Jangha

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

I Cor. 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

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DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Response: ... To you, O God, we cry; **be gracious to us.**

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

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

Hymnal, No. 654

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

Hymnal, No. 69

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Toccatà on "Lobe den Herren"

Gordon Young

*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 January 21: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

The Food & Shelter items of the month for January are blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves and thick socks. **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.

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

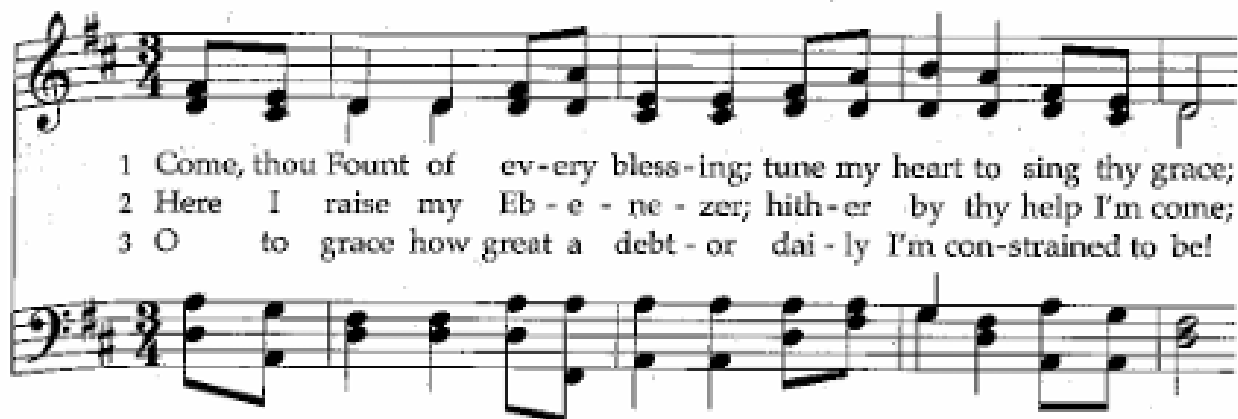
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



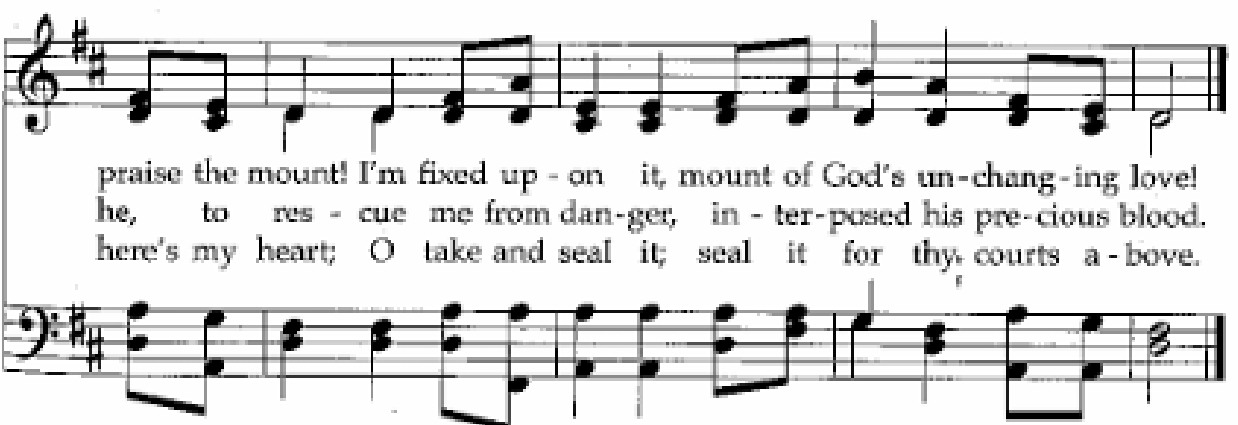
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise,
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

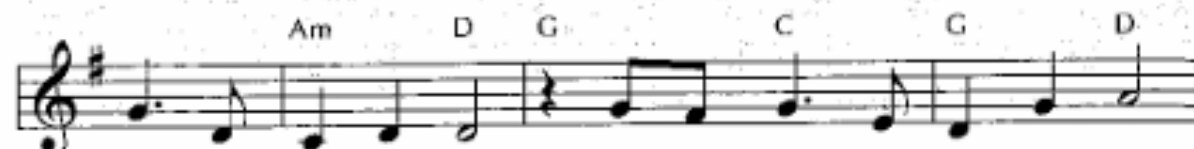
Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



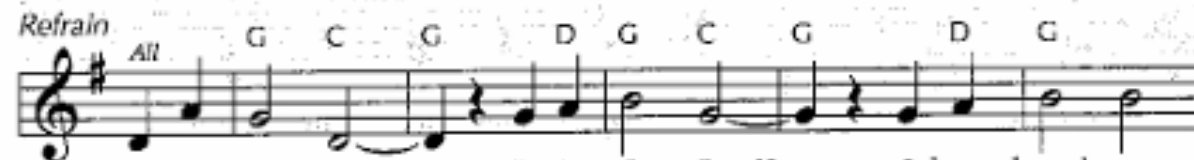
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone,
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.