

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God the gardener,  
who blesses us in all seasons of our lives,  
assure us of the truth of your birth, death, and resurrection,  
so we can know,  
despite the trials of this world,  
that we are blessed  
because we are yours. Amen.

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Dale Wood

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, we seek you.

**Risen Christ, we rely on you.**

Holy Spirit, you are our life and our breath.

**We thank you for always being with us.**

When we are lonely you comfort us,

when we are poor you enrich us,

when we are lost you guide us.

**You are always with us.**

**We worship you in gratitude, with open hearts.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal, No. 65

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world's latest fad and shallow self-help. We sentimentalize the spiritual and ignore the deeper needs of our souls. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide. Amen.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

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 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Page No. 628

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

ANTHEM

Come with Joy

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

Page No. 838

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

The Tension of Trust

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymnal, No.816

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's sovereign love is a mystery  
beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God  
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving**

**sinful men and women.  
The power of God's love in Christ  
to transform the world  
discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator  
who made all things  
to serve the purpose of God's love.**  
*(from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow      Hymnal, No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG      My Hope is Built on Nothing Less      Hymnal, No. 353

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE      Improvisation on We Shall Overcome      Carl Haywood

\*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 February 23: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for February are soup and crackers. **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.

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

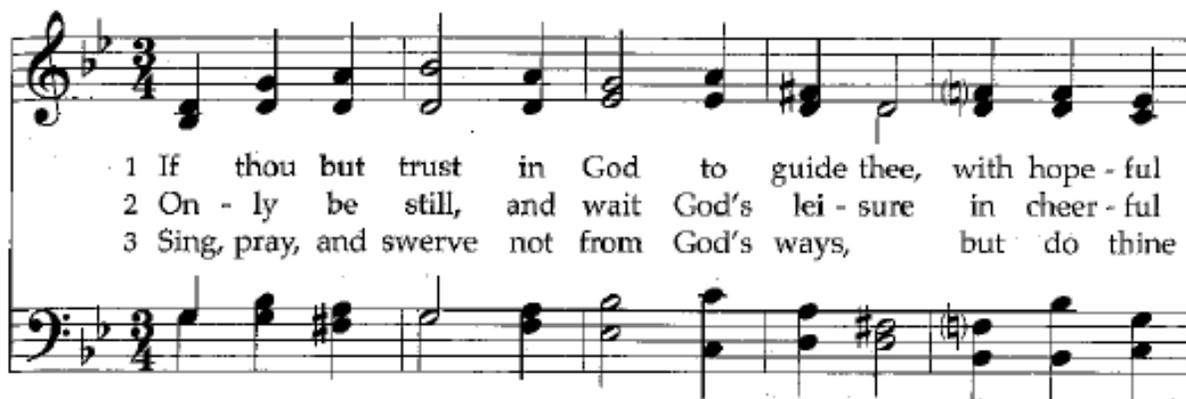
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

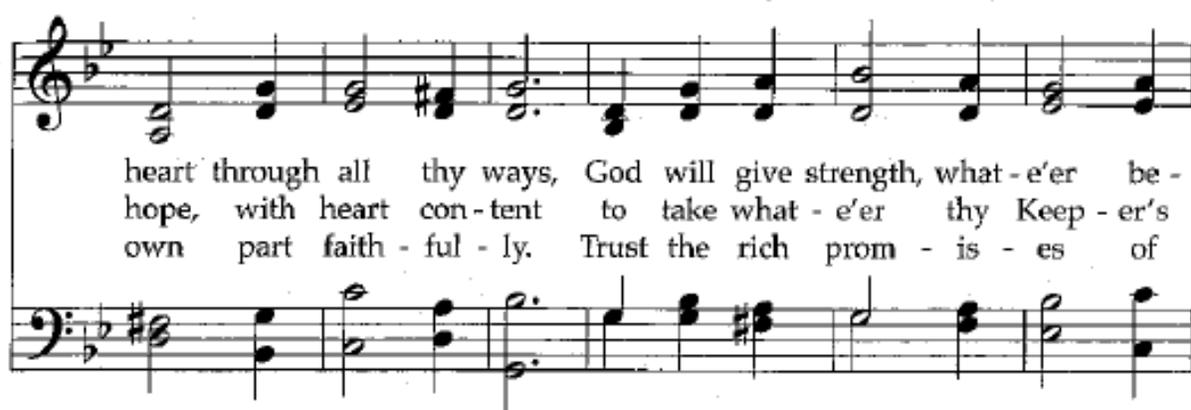
with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

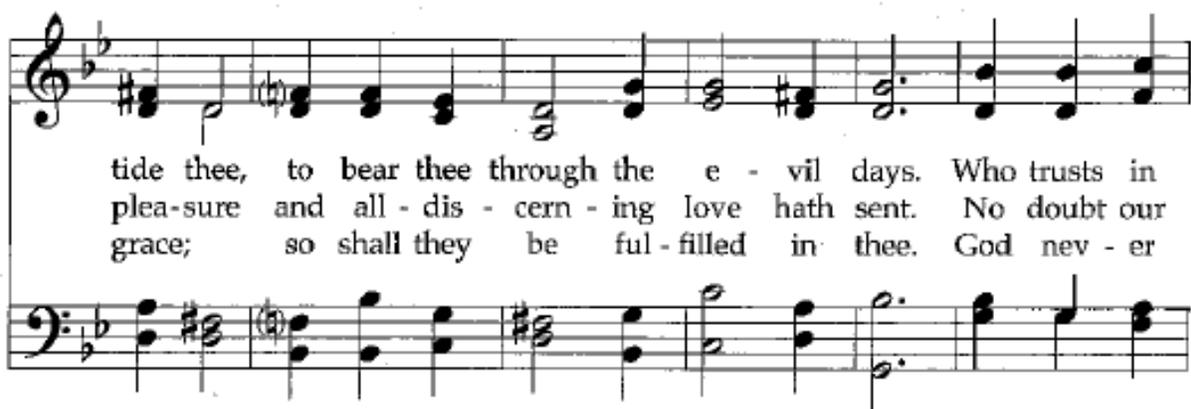
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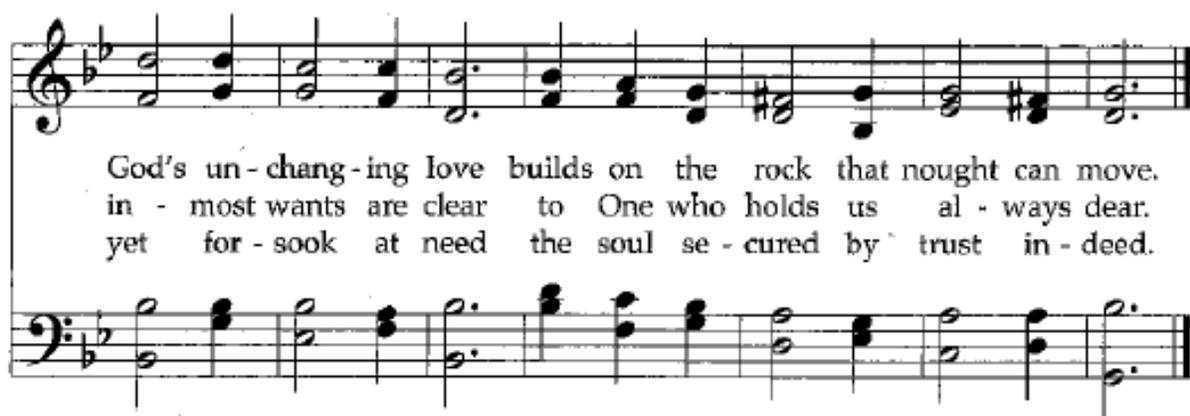
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

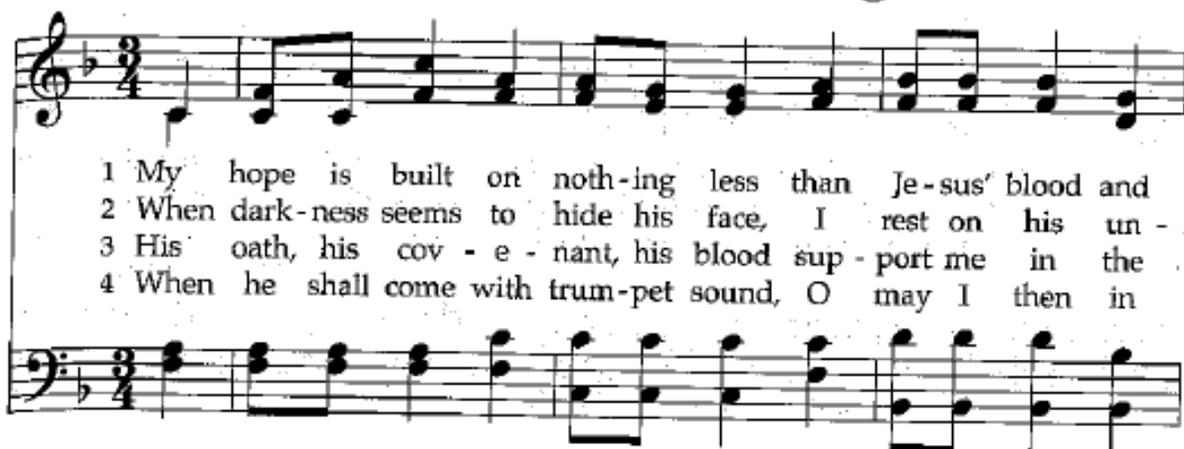


tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

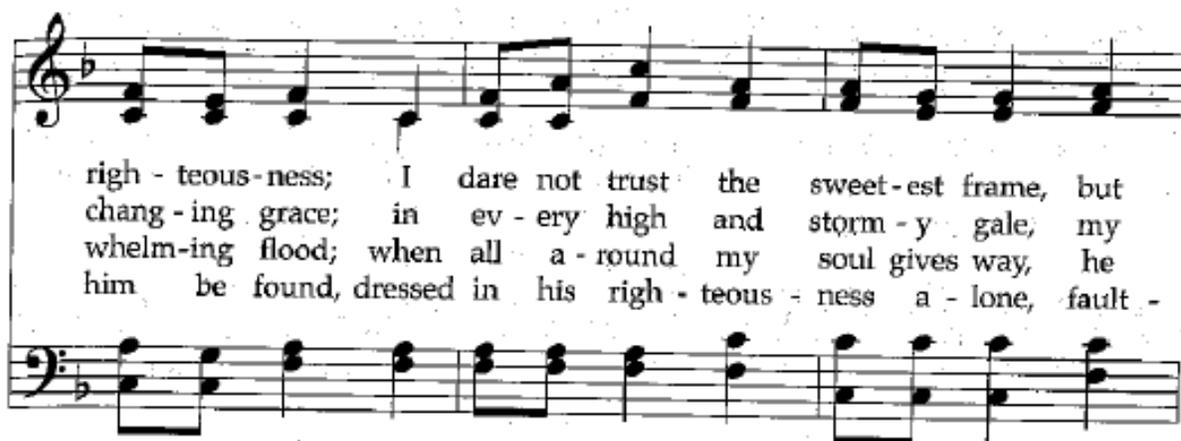


God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

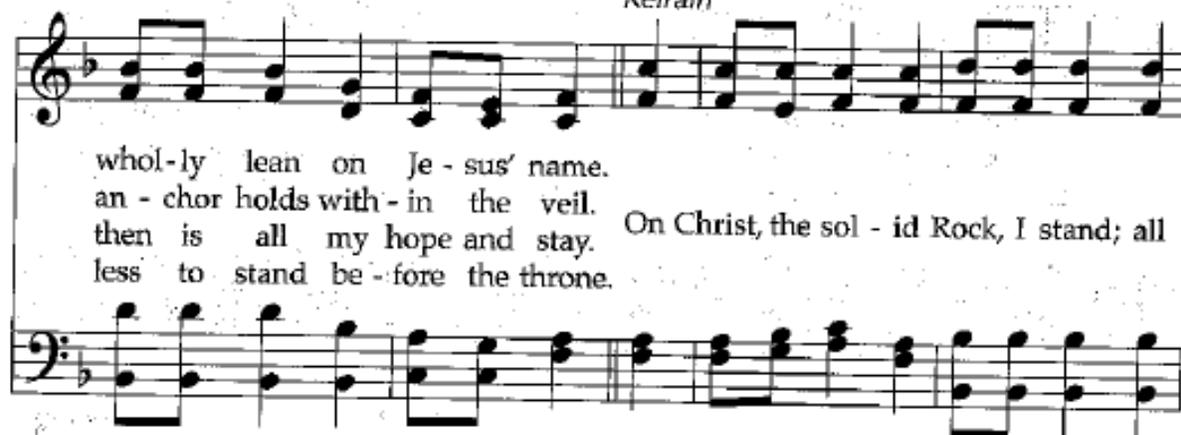


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

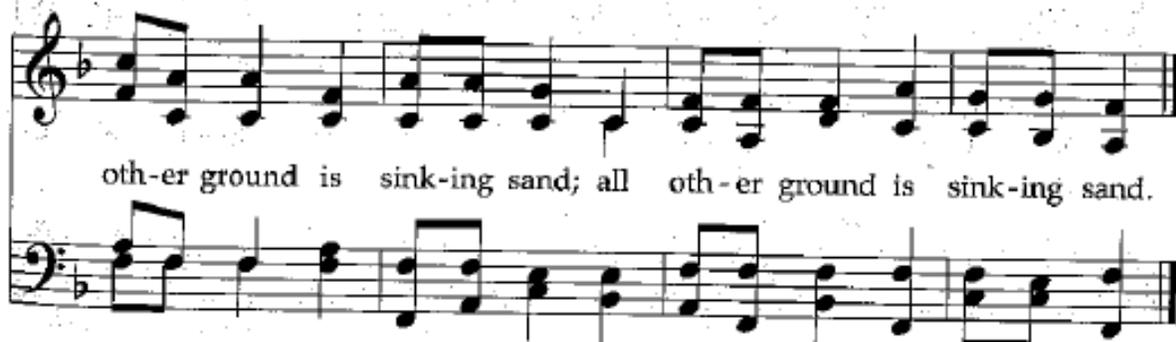


righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale; my  
whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he  
him be found, dressed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, fault-

## Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.  
an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all  
then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.