Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O God,

light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

As the Wind Song

Hymnal, No.292

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the calm waters of the ponds and the bouncing waters of the rivers, **you make a path, O God of wonders.** In the playful waters of the streams that shape every rock and the furious waters of the whirlwinds coming down, **you make a path, O God of wonders.**

We come to praise God,

knowing that in the quiet

and in the chaos of our lives,

you will make a path.

Let us worship God!

*SONG OF PRAISE

For the Fruit of All Creation

Hymnal, No. 36

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray:

Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our baptisms and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus still calls, "Follow me" and we offer excuses because we can't do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus's call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen. (Time for silent reflection)

Thanks be to God.

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

Charlotte Lovett

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SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:1, 13–25 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

ANTHEM

River in Judea

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:51-62 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

Warning!

*SONG OF FAITH

Jesus Calls Us

Hymnal, No. 720

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations. and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Holy triune God, have mercy on 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 SURGE ECCLESIA

*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!

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen Hymnal, No. 536

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Leaning and Standing

*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 July 6: 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30; Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for June are tampons and bug spray. 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.



Ρ. 720 Jesus Calls Us o'er the 1 Je - sus calls us: mult of our tu -2 Je - sus calls from the us wor ship of the 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior, life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice world's gold - en vain store, from each i dol that would toil and hours of still he ease, calls, in cares and we hear thy may call, give our hearts thy to 0 o 0 ø 6 ø me." say - ing, "Chris sound - eth tian, fol - low say - ing, "Chris keep more." us, tian, love me "Chris - tian, love plea sures, more than these." me serve and love be dience, thee best of all. θ

