

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

When everything falls apart around you,
do something kind.
When the weight of the world lies heavy on you,
do something kind.
When you doubt the reality of God,
do something kind.
When you feel without purpose,
do something kind.
You needn't feel lovely about it,
just do it.
If it has no effect,
do something kind again.
As a kindness to yourself
reclaim your capacity for kindness.
Kindness is a match. Strike it.
It warms you, and the fire spreads.
Steve Garnaas-Holmes, unfoldinglight.net

PRELUDE

Allegretto in F Major

George F. Handel

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We remember who we are:
We are the body of Christ.
We remember whose we are:
We are God's beloved children.
We remember our chief purpose:
To glorify and enjoy God forever.
Let us worship God!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Hymnal, No. 12

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions.
We are distracted by the news,
quick to point fingers and pass judgment,
but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit
from the injustice in our world.
We are distracted by our fears.
We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security.
Instead of proclaiming your abundance,
we operate from a mindset of scarcity.
We are distracted by our tasks,
by calendars that shape our priorities,
leaving us with less time and energy
for what is most important.**

**We confess our distraction,
even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it
because it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet,
learning what it means to follow him.
We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship.**

**Forgive us.
Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek
to follow Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**
(Time for silent reflection)

Let us live into this 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 **Trudy Beard**

SCRIPTURE READING **Page No. 956**

Colossians 1:15-28
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM **Psalms 15**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**
who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
**in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear
the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Choose Both

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

For All the Faithful Women

Hymnal, No. 324

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.
Christ teaches us
to put obedience to God
above the interests of self, family, race or nation;
to offer God joyously
our money, ability, and time.
It is part of our discipline
to observe a day of worship and rest,
setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,
celebrating with our family in Christ the Lord's goodness.
We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,
not expecting detailed directions for every decision,
but relying on the Word to tell us who God is,
to press God's present claim on us,
and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.
(From A Declaration of Faith)**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Go My Children with My Blessing

Hymnal, No. 547

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Gavotte

Samuel Wesley

*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 27: Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85; Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for July are deodorant and sunscreen. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

Much of this morning's liturgy comes from the Presbyterian Outlook, written by Rev. Stephanie Sorge.

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

