

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Merciful God,
who are we but dust and ashes
to pray on behalf of our hurting world
and our wounded souls?
And yet you answer on the day we call.
Today we search and knock.
We pray for deliverance for all those suffering
under the wrath of war and violence,
all those experiencing illness and famine,
and all those who oppress and are oppressed.
Teach us to pray,
that we may know of your steadfast love
and be assured of your faithfulness,
for we know you will fulfill your purpose
for the whole creation. Amen.

PRELUDE

Lynnae Eades

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of love, we ask you to teach us to pray.

You show us your grace, and our wonder is our prayer to you.

Christ, your love gives us joy.

Let our gratitude be prayer to you.

Holy Spirit, you fill us with your power.

Let our lives be our prayer to you.

And let this, our worship, bring you praise.

*SONG OF PRAISE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymnal, No. 435

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Ever-faithful God,
how often we turn away from you,
yet you remain constant to us.
We run from you, but you call us back.
In our words and our deeds we dishonor you,
yet you still profess your love for us.
We cut ourselves off from you and from others,
but you will not let us go.**

**Forgive our faithless and fickle ways
and increase our gratitude,
that we might grow in faithfulness to you,
for the sake of Jesus 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

Will Farris

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 957

Colossians 2:6-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

Page No. 845

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Lord, Teach Us

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymnal, No. 465

*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

Response:...O God, **we seek your grace.**

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
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!

Hymnal, No. 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

Hymnal, No. 334

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*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 August 3: Hosea 11:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.

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.**

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

IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

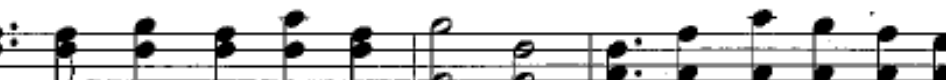
465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐 맡은 우리구주

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv-i-lege to car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

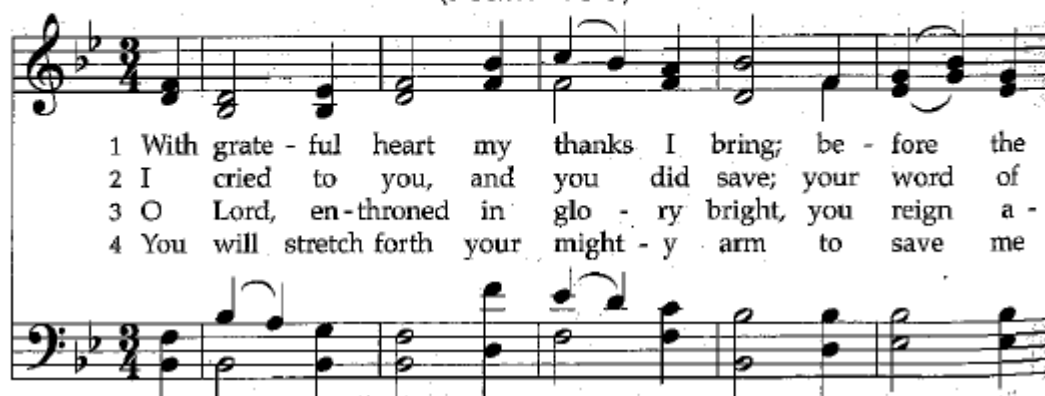
O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith-ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



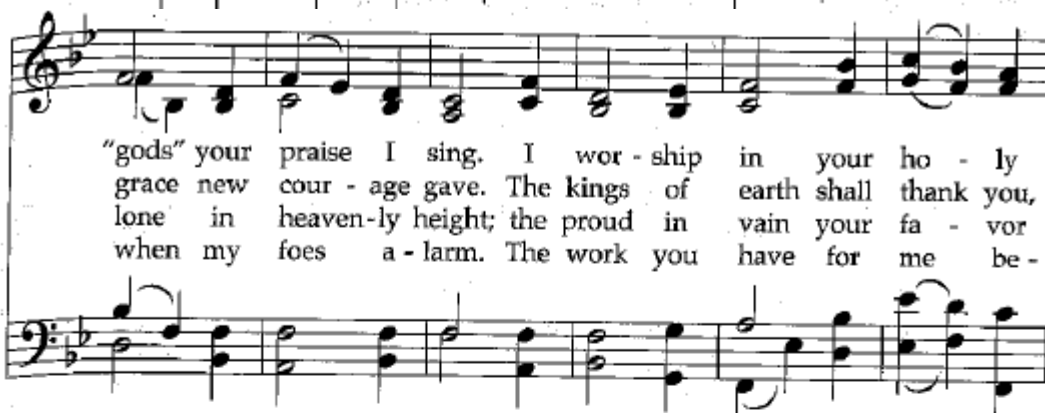
all be-cause we do not car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer!
Je-sus knows our ev-ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

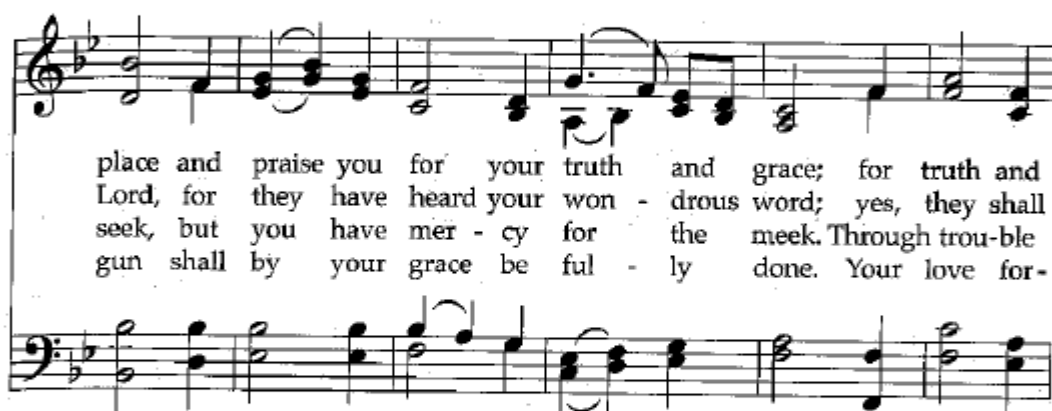
(Psalm 138)



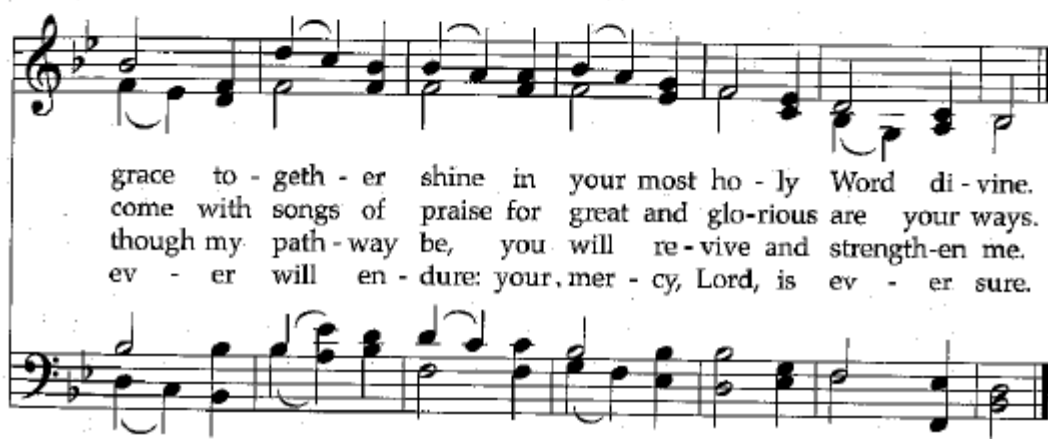
1 With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring; be - fore the
2 I cried to you, and you did save; your word of
3 O Lord, en - throned in glo - ry bright, you reign a -
4 You will stretch forth your might - y arm to save me



"gods" your praise I sing. I wor - ship in your ho - ly
grace new cour - age gave. The kings of earth shall thank you,
lone in heaven - ly height; the proud in vain your fa - vor
when my foes a - larm. The work you have for me be -



place and praise you for your truth and grace; for truth and
Lord, for they have heard your won - drous word; yes, they shall
seek, but you have mer - cy for the meek. Through trou - ble
gun shall by your grace be ful - ly done. Your love for -



grace to - geth - er shine in your most ho - ly Word di - vine.
come with songs of praise for great and glo - rious are your ways.
though my path - way be, you will re - vive and strength - en me.
ev - er will en - dure: your, mer - cy, Lord, is ev - er sure.