

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Gracious God,  
we thank you for this time with you.  
Help us to let go of our attachments to what we think we want,  
long enough to listen to you.  
Help us to set our minds on your grace.  
Prepare us to be changed, and to listen to you,  
so that we may trust and follow and serve. Amen.*

PRELUDE                      Prelude on Gather Us In                      John Behnke

## BRINGING THE LIGHT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Generous God, you give us abundant life.  
**We thank you. We praise you.**  
Gentle Christ, you heal us in mercy and grace.  
**We love you. We serve you.**  
Holy Spirit, you breathe your song of beauty in us.  
**We open ourselves to you. We worship you. We cry, Alleluia!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      We Praise You, O God                      Hymnal, No. 612

### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of the risen Christ,  
you broke the power of sin and evil.  
Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear.  
We have failed to love you as we should.  
We have neglected to love our neighbor.  
In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves.  
Release us from the tombs that terrify us  
so we can see your image in one another  
and in your good creation.  
Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred  
so we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.**  
*(Time of silent reflection)*

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free  
from the chains that bind us so that we can be Your people.  
**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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Samuel McCann

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

Page No. 957

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble**

and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north  
and from the south.

**Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;**

hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from  
their distress;**

he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to  
humankind.**

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the  
steadfast love of the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:13-21

Page No. 847

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

The Rich Fool

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Hymnal, No. 509

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good**

**and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female,  
of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments,**

**we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,**

**accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,**

**and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**  
*(from A Brief Statement of Faith))*

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

#### 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

### **SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

With thanksgiving we take this bread and wine,  
gifts of the good earth,  
offering ourselves as a living sacrifice  
dedicated to your service.

**Dying, you destroyed our death;**

**rising, you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Loving Spirit

Hymnal, No. 293

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

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.

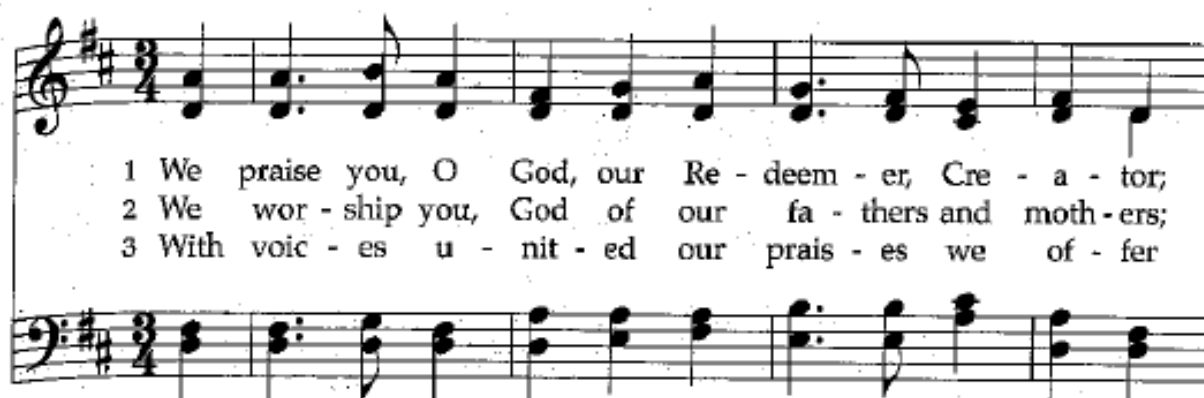
**Lectionary Readings** for August 10: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.

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.**

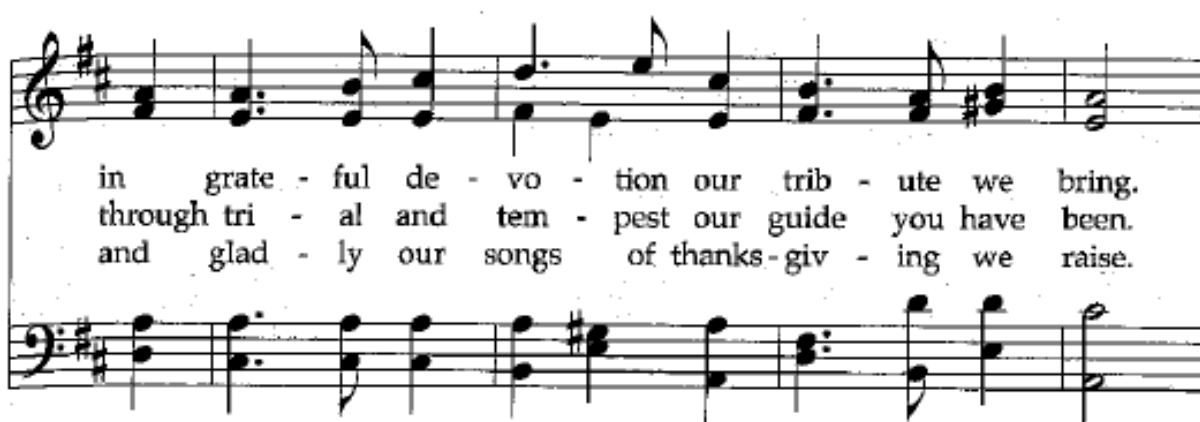
**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

# We Praise You, O God

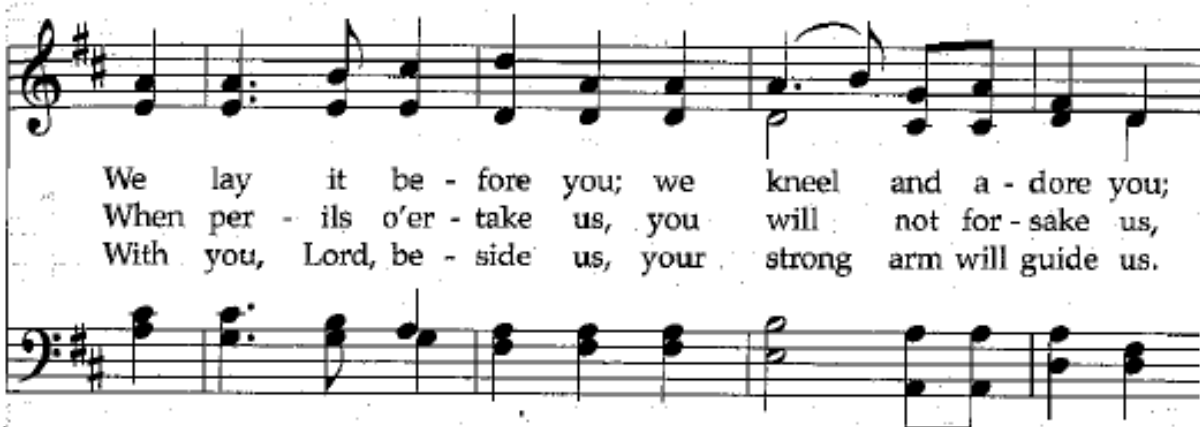
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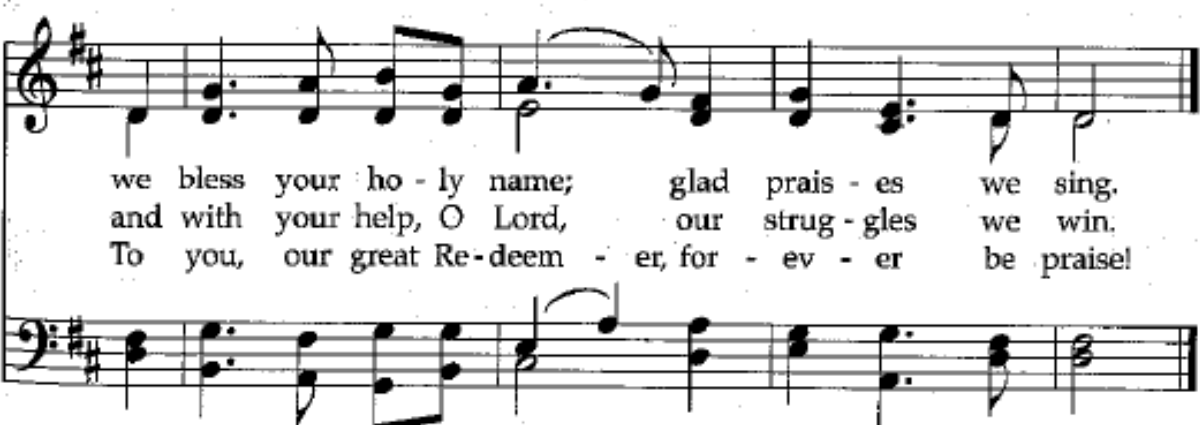
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

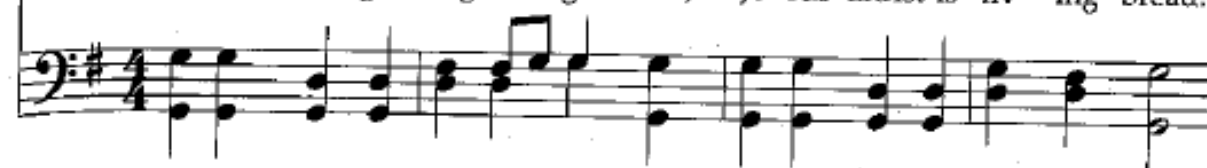


we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

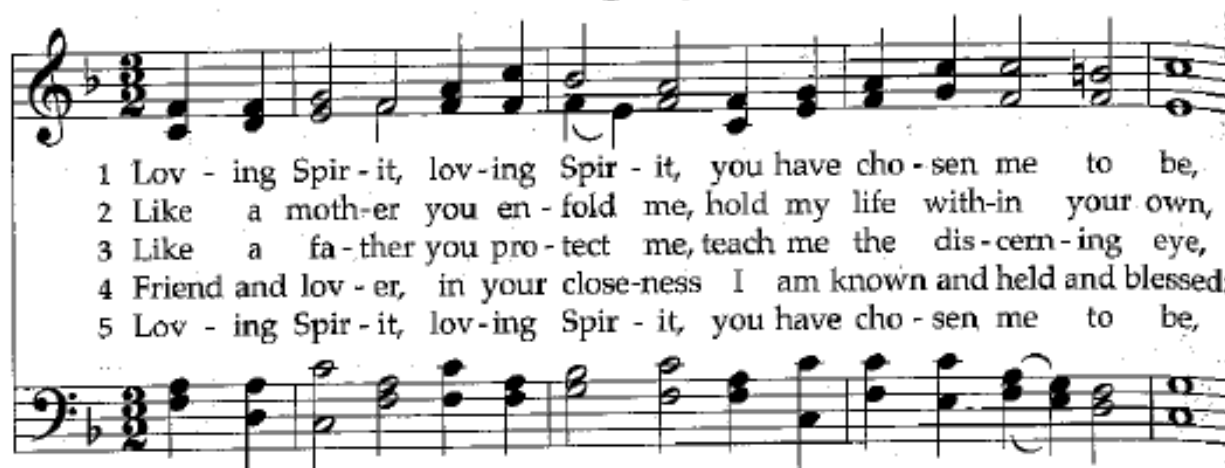


You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

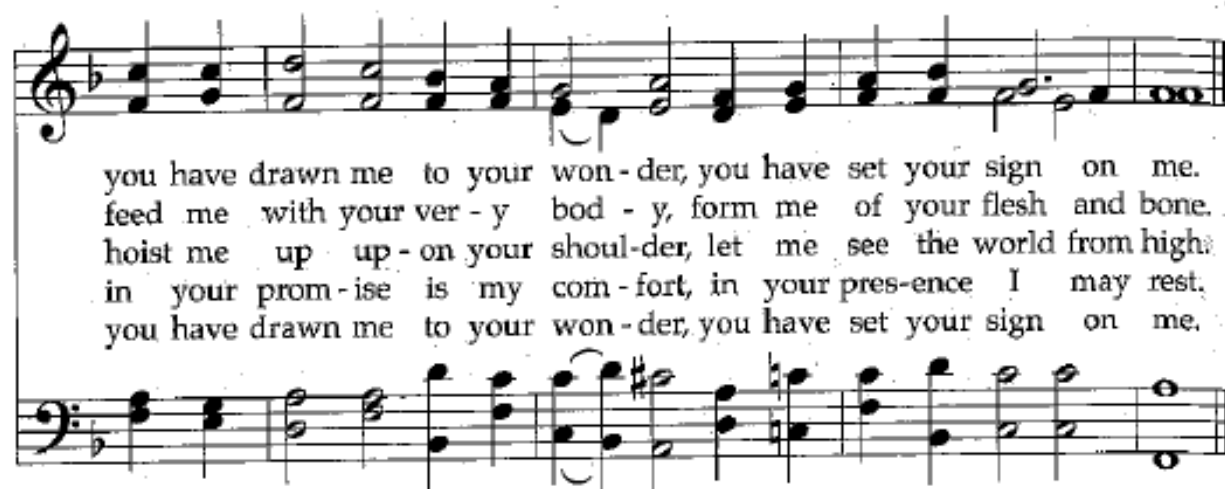


Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.





1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,  
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,  
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,  
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:  
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up - up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.