

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Love is not some small minded
ideal that we bypass on the way
to weightier theological principles.

Love is PhD level Christianity.

In our pursuit of Jesus, we will
spend the rest of our lives learning
to love more passionately, intimately,
intentionally, and transformationally.

There is no higher call.

—Jayson D. Bradley

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, we praise you!

Risen Christ, we greet you!

Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

You alone are holy, and we worship you.

Glory be to you, O God of all Creation.

Thanks be to you, O Christ, for our salvation.

God of grace and abundance,

you give us all things, even your whole Realm.

We eat from your hands; we rest in your lap.

Deepen our gratitude, trust and compassion.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Hymnal, No. 403

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of Hope and Promise,

we admit that our faith sometimes falters.

We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm.

We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others.

Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves.

Guide us back to harmonious relationships.

**Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues
filled with grace. 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

SCRIPTURE READING

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Hebrews 11:1-3, 6-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—

he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:32-40

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Faith Begins by Letting Go

Hymnal, No. 684

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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:...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

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

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Hymnal, No. 350

*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 17: Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for August are deodorant, toilet paper 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.

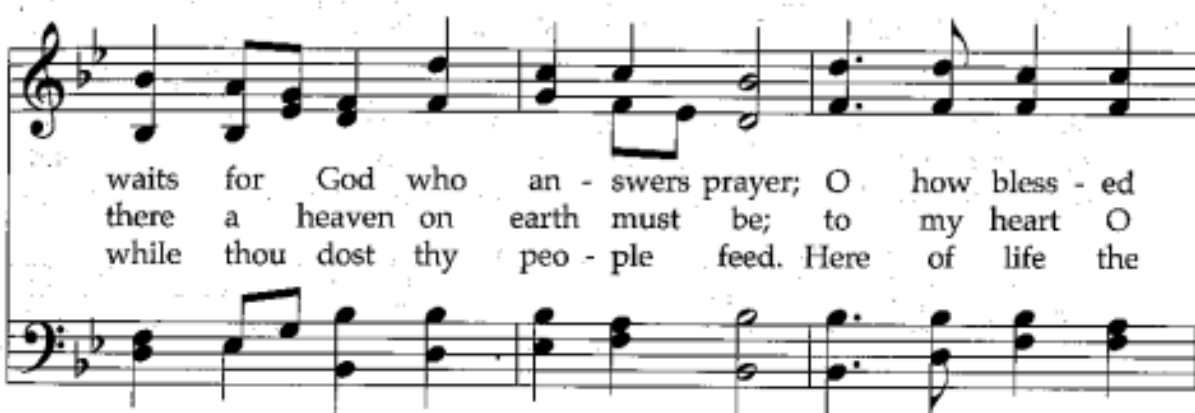
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,




waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

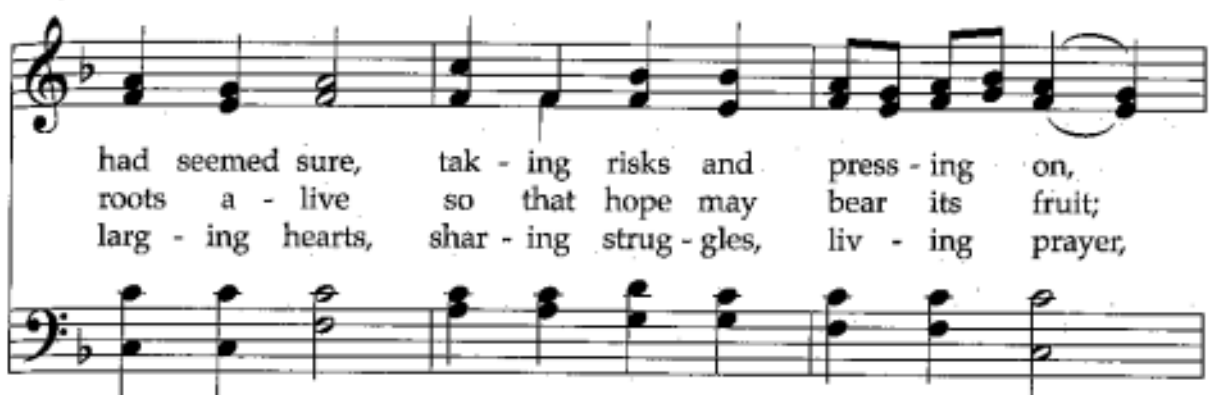


is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

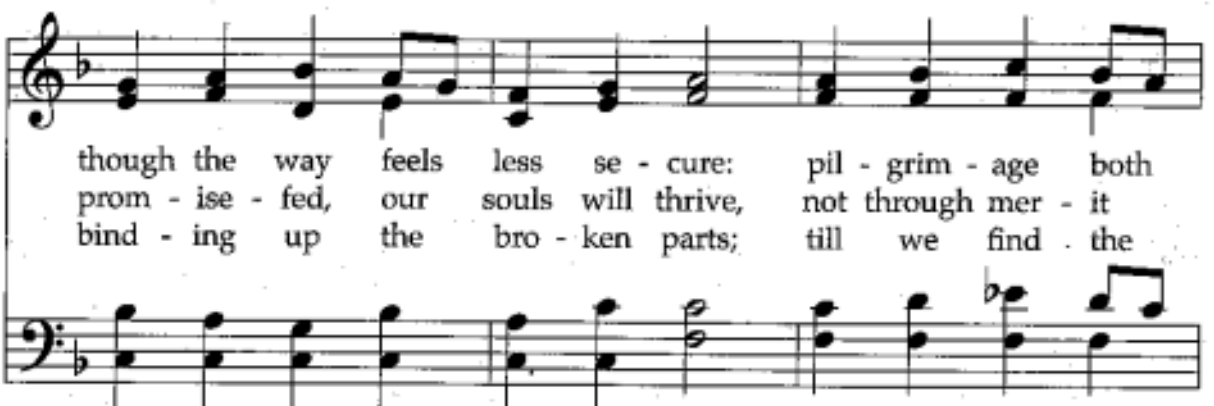
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1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -



had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

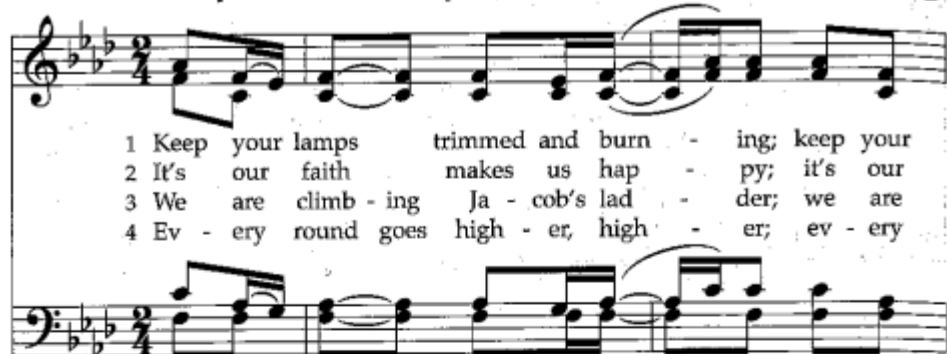


though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the




right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

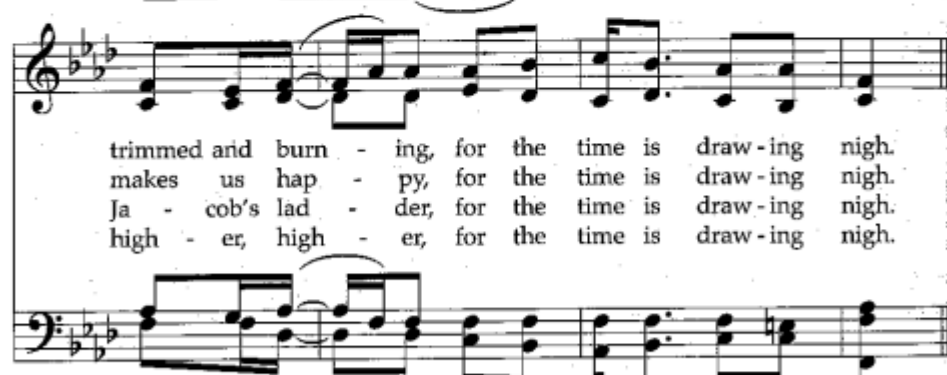
350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

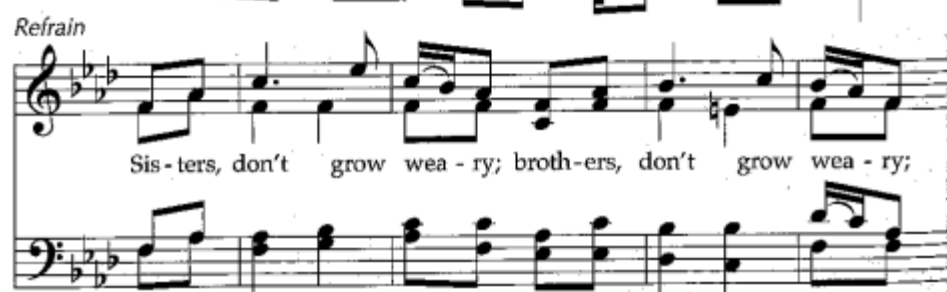


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trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain



Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;



chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.