

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Living God,
we are your vine,
planted in your love
and rooted in your grace.
We sink our roots deep in you;
may your Spirit may flow through us,
and your love bear fruit in us.

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world where lies surround us,
your word is like fire, God nearby!
In a world full of false prophets
and empty promises,
your word is like fire, God nearby!
In a world where words don't have meaning,
your word is like fire, God nearby!
We are here, ready for our faith
to be kindled by your word.
**We are here to worship the God
who is nearby!**

*SONG OF PRAISE

God's Glory Fills the Heavens

Hymnal, No. 609

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.
(Time for silent reflection)

Proclaim the good news with me:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 978

Hebrews 11:29-30, 12:1-2
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 33:12-22

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:49-56

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Disturbing the Peace

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O Hear Our Cry, O Lord

Hymnal, No. 355

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers**

in the one body of Christ, the Church.
 The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
 In a broken and fearful world
 the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
 In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

Fight the Good Fight

Hymnal, No. 846

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on Life High the Cross

John Leavitt

*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.

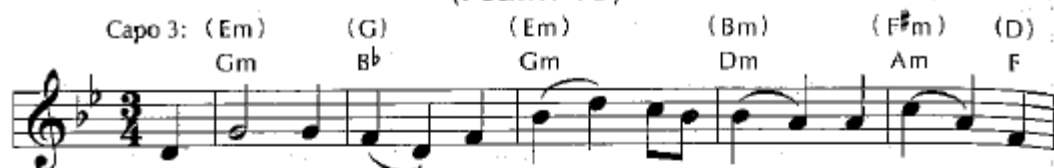
Lectionary Readings for August 24: Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6; Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.

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.

690 God's Glory Fills the Heavens

(Psalm 19)



1 God's glo - ry fills the heavens with hymns; the domed sky
2 God's per - fect law re - vives the soul; its pre - cepts
3 God's ser - vant may I ev - er be: this world my



bears the Mak - er's mark; new prais - es sound from
make the sim - ple wise; its just com - mands re -
joy, that word my guide. O cleanse me, Lord, from



day to day and ech - o through the know - ing
joy the heart; its truth gives light un - to the
se - cret sin: de - liv - er me from self - ish



dark. With - out a word their songs roll on; in - to all
eyes. For - ev - er shall this law en - dure: un - blem - ished,
pride. Ac - cept my thoughts and words and deeds: let them find



lands their voic - es run. And with a cham - pion's
righ - teous, true, com - plete. No gold was ev - er
fa - vor in your sight. For you a - lone can



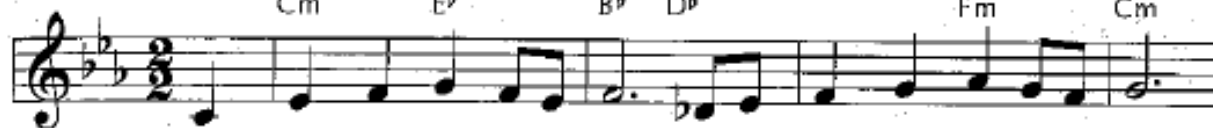
strength and grace from far - thest heaven comes forth the sun.
found so fine, no hon - ey in the comb more sweet.
make me whole, O Lord, my ref - uge and my might.

O Hear Our Cry, O Lord

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(Psalm 80)

Capo 1: (Bm) (D) (A) (C) (Em) (Bm)
Cm Eb Bb Db Fm Cm



1 O hear our cry, O Lord; now hear us as we pray.
2 En-throned a - bove all worlds, you shine with ho - ly light.
3 O Lord, the God of Hosts, turn not your face a - way.
4 O Lord, our God, re - turn; bring peace in - to each home.

(F#m) (D) (Bm) (F#m) (B7) (E)
Gm Eb Cm Gm C7 F



You guide us as a shep-herd leads, so keep us in your way.
Lord, pour your power up - on us all and save us with your might.
Our tears have been both food and drink; foes mock us night and day.
So let your face shine on us all; re - store us as your own.

(A) (Dm) (G) (C) (F) (B) (F#) (B)
Bb Ebm Ab Db Gb C G C



O come; Lord, come; re - store and save us now.

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.