

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty God, you have taught us
that all our deeds without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the very bond of peace and of all goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Mystery, we are your children.

We turn to you in wonder and in need.

Loving Christ, you lay your hands on our wounds.

We come bent over, and rise in praise.

Holy Spirit, you give us power to heal.

Touch us; change us; send us out as new people.

*SONG OF PRAISE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymnal, No. 435

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**O God of mercy,
we confess that we live self-centered lives.
We tolerate injustice and cruelty,
complacent in our corner of the world.
We neglect the needs of others.
In your righteousness,
deliver us and rescue us.
Turn us to your way
and lead us in your light,
that we might serve you
and care for all of creation.**

(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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Emily Ryther

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

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Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me
and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and
my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of
the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my
mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-17

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Standing Up Straight

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal, No. 450

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:.... God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

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

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hymnal, No. 735

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Cortège

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 31: Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

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.

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.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!