

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever.
Amen

Celtic Version of the Lord's Prayer by John Philip Newell

PRELUDE

A Chosen Tune

Herbert Howells

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of abundant generosity, you bless us.

We are rich in your grace.

Loving Christ, you bless the broken and the needy, and you come to us.

We are poor in spirit.

Holy Spirit, you rouse us, you open our eyes, you stir us to compassion.

We open the gates of our hearts to you. Come in, and be our love.

*SONG OF PRAISE

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Hymnal, No. 712

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

(Time for silent reflection)

...in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve.

Alleluia. Amen.

*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)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Samuel McCann

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Samuel McCann

SCRIPTURE READING

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I Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 146

(LBO) Please join me in reading responsively from Psalm 146 as printed in the bulletin.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

Walk in the Light

Larry Shackley

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Chasms

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

Hymnal, No. 43

*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.**
(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

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 Lead Me, Guide Me Hymnal, No. 740

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Invention in C Major J. S. Bach

*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 October 5: Lamentations 1:1-6 and Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137; Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10.

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

