

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*Loving God, in danger you are our salvation.
In loneliness you are our companion.
In fear or uncertainty you are our courage.
We thank you. We love you. We trust you. We reach for you.
Hold us, and lead us to life. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Clark Kelly

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lucy Lanning

Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers,
as well as the doubters:

**here, the worriers and wanderers
can call on God by name.**

Here, in this time, we can remember
all the ways God has graced us:

**here, in these moments, we are reminded
that God is with us, always!**

Here are gathered those daring enough
to step out of comfort into the unknown:

**here, in this faith space, we will find the courage
to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

O Lord My God

Hymnal, No. 625

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

It seems so easy to get into the boat and set sail on our journey, God of Promises. But when the winds of change begin to blow, we want to turn around and head back to the past's safe harbor. When sin's waves crash over the side, we try to wrap ourselves in the cloak of pride thinking we will not get wet. When Jesus calls to us to get out and follow in faith, we look around, hoping he is not speaking to us.

Swamped by our fears, and sinking in doubt, we long for someone to help us - so save us, Holy One, save us! Stretch out your hand, so we might be lifted from our despair to hope, from our worries to trust, from our foolishness to faithful living. Then, we will dare to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, even if it means getting out of the sheltered lives we have built for ourselves. Amen.

(Time for silent reflection)

In confessing that Christ is Lord, we let go of the past, and turn to God's future.
We step out of our fears, and walk into the light and life offered by our God.

In trusting Christ's resurrection, we trust all of God's promises, letting the Spirit work in and through us, healing and making us whole. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*THE PEACE

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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Romans 10:5-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may
dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each
other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down
from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Battered and Afraid

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

God is Calling through the Whisper

Hymnal, No. 410

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement 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.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Hymnal, No. 817

*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. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for August 16: Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28.

The Food & Shelter items **for August are ibuprofen and deodorant**. Please place your donations in the box by the coffee and snacks.