



## Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

**FULL TO THE BRIM: Even in the desert**

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Almighty God,  
your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are but did not sin.  
Give us grace to direct our lives  
in obedience to your Spirit,  
that as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ our redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever, Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

As the Deer

David Marvel, Organist

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

**Jesus went into the city to heal.**

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

**Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.**

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

**but Jesus also went to the wilderness.**

There is nowhere we can go  
that God does not walk with us.

**We are in God's house.**

**Let us worship Holy God.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE    O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High    Hymnal, No. 618

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power—

**Teach us a new way.**

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth—

**Teach us a new way.**

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control—

**Teach us a new way.**

Teach us to live as you live.

**Teach us to love as you love.**

Forgive us when we don't.

**Gratefully we pray, amen.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe this good news—

**God's love is overflowing.**

**We are drenched in mercy.**

**Thanks be to God, 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    Mother, Brother, Holy Partner    Hymnal, No. 3, verse 4

Mother, Brother, holy Partner;

Father, Spirit, Only Son:

We would praise your name forever,  
one-in-three and three-in-one.

We would share your life, your passion,  
share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising,  
one with all, and one with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Jim Rodriguez

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Page No. 158

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

**no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

**With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

Page No. 835

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Even in the Desert

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

I Believe in God the Father

Hymnal, p. 481

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe God is love.

**We believe God's love is overflowing.**

We believe Jesus is a river.

**We believe that river is running toward us.**

We believe the Holy Spirit is a vessel.

**We believe that vessel holds mercy for you and for me.**

We believe the wilderness is real.

**We believe the desert is lonely.**

We believe that Jesus has been there.

**We know that we do not walk alone.**

Even in the desert,

**we are loved.**

Even in the desert,

**God is with us.**

Even in the desert,

**this love overflows.**

Thanks be to God,

**amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Love You, Lord

\*DOXOLOGY

For the Beauty of the Earth Hymnal, No. 14, verse 1  
For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

O Lord My God

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

What Wondrous Love is This

Hymnal, No. 215

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

\*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 March 13: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

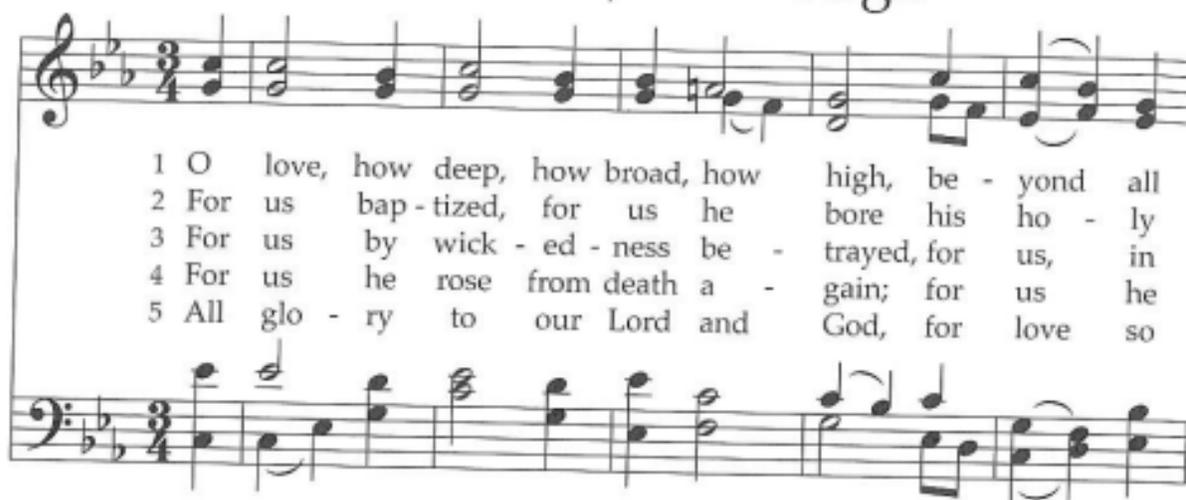
The Food & Shelter item of the month for **March is peanut butter**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table

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

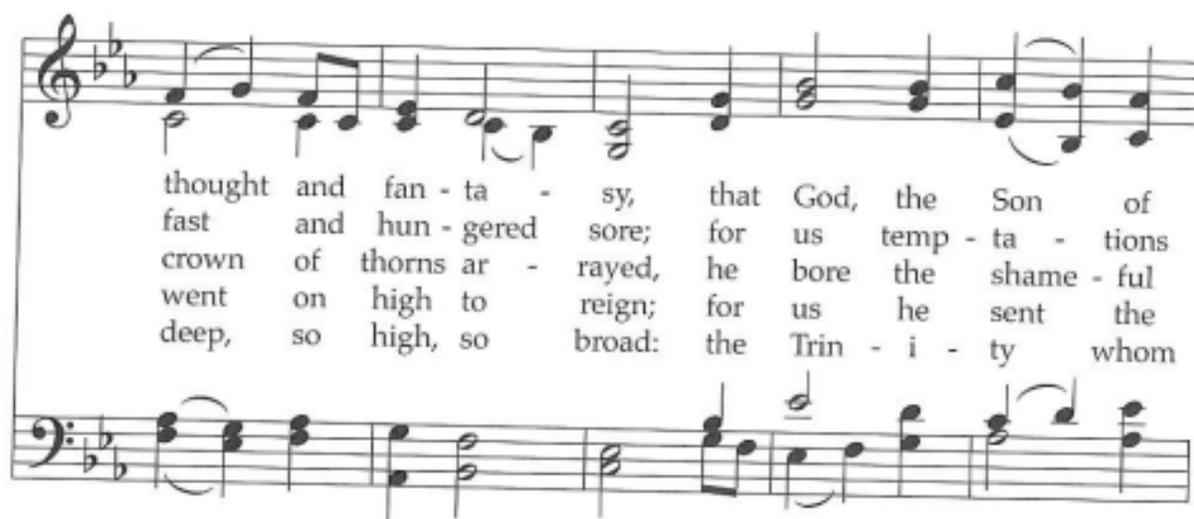
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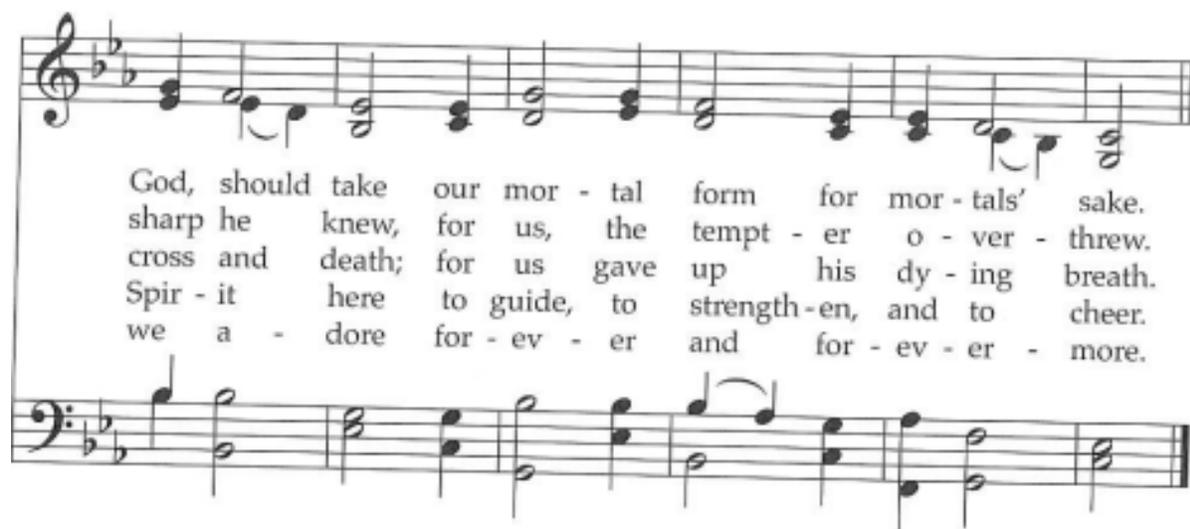
# O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in  
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us tempt - ta - tions  
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the  
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

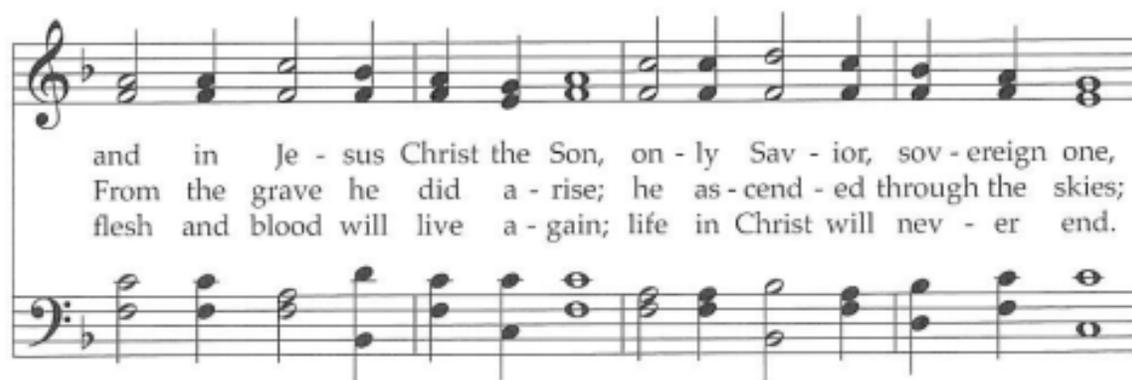
# I Believe in God the Father 481



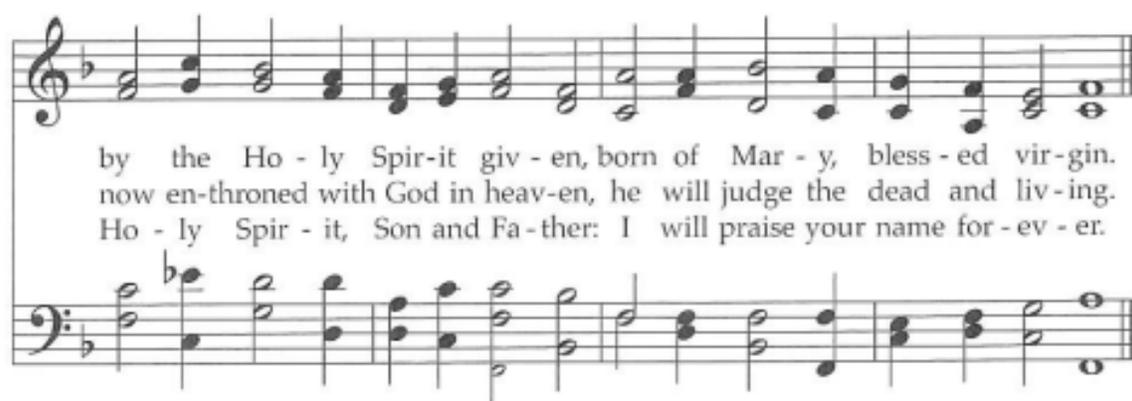
1 I be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, mer - ci - ful and might-y Lord,  
2 Un - der Pi - late, Je - sus suf - fered, faith - ful to his fi - nal breath.  
3 I be-lieve in God the Spir - it, and the church in ev - ery place;



mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, whom we wor - ship and a - dore;  
He was cru - ci - fied and bur - ied, and de - scend - ed in - to death.  
saints in glo - ri - ous com - mu - nion, all for - giv - en, full of grace;



and in Je - sus Christ the Son, on - ly Sav - ior, sov - ereign one,  
From the grave he did a - rise; he as - cend - ed through the skies;  
flesh and blood will live a - gain; life in Christ will nev - er end.



by the Ho - ly Spir - it giv - en, born of Mar - y, bless - ed vir - gin.  
now en - throned with God in heav - en, he will judge the dead and liv - ing.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther: I will praise your name for - ev - er.

# What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
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 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.