



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Gentle God,
you know that we cling to many things in this life.
Help us now to let go of them all,
and to open ourselves to your presence and your Word.
As your scriptures are read
and your good news proclaimed,
help us to hear your voice,
and to allow ourselves to be changed,
in the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude in G

Alan Gray
David Marvel, organist

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*OPENING SENTENCES

Creator God, divine artist, you fashion the universe with skill and beauty.

We praise you!

Jesus the builder has shaped our hearts with loving hands and a steady eye.

We thank you!

Holy Spirit, breath of new creation, you continually fashion us anew.

We worship you. We open our hearts to you.

We surrender ourselves to your shaping hands. Alleluia!. Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Arise, Your Light is Come

Hymnal, No. 744

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

O God,

**you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ,
yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand.**

**The works of our hands crumble around us,
and our best efforts are not good enough;
sin is real, and we are powerless before it.**

Forgive us for thinking we know best.

Mend our broken values

**and create in us hearts that seek your purposes,
so that what we build with our lives
may give you glory.**

(Time of silent reflection)

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*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 Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Page No. 629

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:25-33

Page No. 850

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Priorities

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Change My Heart, O God

Hymnal, No. 695

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING and LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, page 35

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

We thank you, God, for we are wondrously made.

You know us inside and out, and are with us always.

Even in the farthest places you are with us;

even in the darkest times you are light.

You set us free from all that enslaves us,

and ask us to set one another free.

Like a master potter you shape us by your love.

**And so we come to your table to be re-shaped again,
singing your praise:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are all who come in your name,
and blessed is Jesus, your Christ,
who loved even at the cost of his life,
and asks us to do the same.

**Under an oppressive power he was crucified,
but by your infinite grace he was raised from the dead.**

As long as we break this bread and share this cup
we remember his death and resurrection, until he comes again.

**Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ,
with courage and compassion no matter the cost,
salty with your love,
for the sake of the healing of the world.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC In Silence My Soul Thirsts

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Come! Live in the Light! Hymnal, No. 749

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE We Fall Down

*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 September 11: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14; Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

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

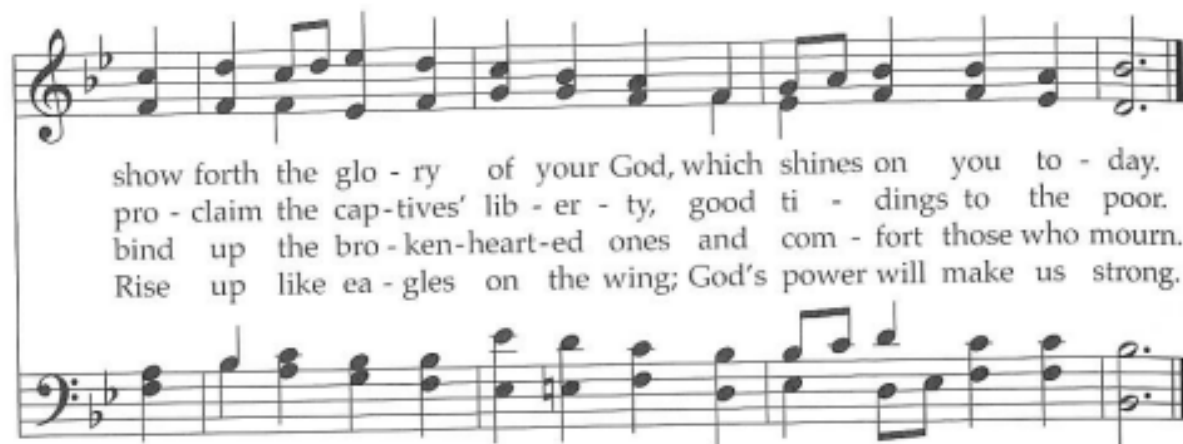
Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Much of the liturgy for communion today was taken from Rev. Steven Garnaas-Holmes' website, *Unfolding Light – Daily Reflections and Worship Resources*. He also has a daily reflection that can be accessed on the website or emailed.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Change My Heart, O God 695

Cámbiame, Señor 항상진실케

Refrain / Estribillo / 후렴

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor, *con tu gran po - der.*
 함 상 진 실 케 내 맘 바 꾸 사

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
Haz - me co - mo tú, *tu yo quie - ro ser.*
 주 님 의 모 습 닮 게 하 소 서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.
Tú el al - fa - re - ro, *yo el ba - rro soy.*
 주 는 토 기 장 이 나 는 진 흙

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Só - lo a tu j - ma - gen, *quie - ro siem - pre ser.*
 날 빛 으 소 서 기 도 하 오 니

to Refrain / al Estribillo / 후렴

The central image of the potter and the clay in this text comes from Isaiah 64:8 (and there is a similar

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.