



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2022

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of possibility and imagination,
as we gather this morning,
open our hearts to your purpose and possibility.
Pour out your Spirit on us
so that we might speak your truth,
dream what you hope,
and see what you envision;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Timothy D. Beiro, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Creator God, for life and beauty we praise you.

Joy and gratitude!

Loving Christ, for grace and mercy, we thank you.

Joy and gratitude!

Holy Spirit, in your life-changing power we worship you.

Joy and gratitude! Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Hymnal, No. 275

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God,

**we confess that we cannot see your image
in each and every one of our neighbors.**

**We call each other "sinner";
you call us by our names.**

**We misjudge one another,
we underestimate ourselves,
and we undervalue creation.**

Pardon us, Holy One, by your grace.

**Reveal to us your vision for the world
that we may see all people
through eyes of care and hearts of compassion.**

(Time of silent reflection)

Rejoice in the gospel!

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 To God

Hymnal, No. 582

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 65

You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.

**You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all
faithfulness.**

My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

**Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is
the truth.**

Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my
delight.

**Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I
may live.**

ANTHEM

Steal Away

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Zacchaeus Saw

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Open My Eyes that I May See

Hymnal, No. 451

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymnal, Page 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

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

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Amazing Grace Hymnal, No. 649

*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. 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 November 6: Haggai 1:15b-2:9 and Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98; Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

The Food & Shelter items of the month for **November are cereal and juice (non-perishable). 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.

Next Sunday, November 7, we will honor those saints who have gone before us in our All Saints Worship and a brief service after worship at the columbarium.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.



Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



- 1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
- 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
- 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
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649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.