

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

We do not look up into the sky for Jesus.

We look to love.

*May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened,
that we may see and give thanks,
that though we don't see
we may give our hearts.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Dale Wood

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We may not know the time or the place,

but we know that God is restoring the world.

We may not see the risen Christ before us,

but we know his spirit rests on us.

We may not know what God is doing next,

but we come together in faith, excited to discover it!

*SONG OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal, No. 263

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us lift our prayers to God.

Loving God,

**we confess that we do not always bring honor and
glory to your name.**

We are rebellious and weak;

we flee before your goodness.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

by the grace and mercy of Christ,

that we may rise up again in peace

to love and serve your world. Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

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 with-out end, with-out end. Amen (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Donna Vint

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Jim Rodriguez

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 66:8-20

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire,

let the wicked perish before God.

But let the righteous be joyful;

let them exult before God;

let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—

his name is the Lord—

be exultant before him.

Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

God gives the desolate a home to live in;

he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

but the rebellious live in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain

at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;

you restored your heritage when it languished;

your flock found a dwelling in it;

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord,
O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.
Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.

ANTHEM Walk in the Light

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

The Geography of Jesus

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

The Church's One Foundation

Hymnal, No. 321

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Sumi Abunaw, Tony Bobila, Stephen Eyabi

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

RESPONSE:...Fill us with your Spirit's power,

that we may be one with Christ, as Christ is one with you.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Go in Grace and Make Disciples Hymnal, No. 296

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Toccata on "Old Hundredth" Gordon Young

*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 May 28: Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for May **are hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, combs and brushes, and socks). 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.

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-ri-ous her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-ri-ous shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.



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Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A)
F C B^b C F C



1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

(Em7) (A) (D) (G) (D) (G)
Gm7 C F B^b F B^b



ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

(D) (Em) (A7) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D)
F Gm C7 F C F C F



vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,

(B) (Em) (B) (E) (A) (D)
D Gm D G C F



to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

(G) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)
B^b F B^b Gm F C7 F



make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.
Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.