

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Eternal God,
Jesus gathered his disciples,
blessed them with his teachings,
and sent them out to join in his work of the blessing of the world.
Gather us now and transform us by your Word,
so that we will be ready to go out into the world to serve you,
in the grace of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ. Amen*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude on "On Eagles Wings" Charles Callahan

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of love, we seek healing: wholeness for our bodies.

Come to us, enfold us in your grace, and send us forth, renewed.

We seek hope: fruitfulness for our lives.

Come to us, enfold us in your grace, and send us forth, renewed.

We seek courage: power to carry your grace into the world.

**Come to us, enfold us in your grace, and send us forth, renewed.
Amen.**

*SONG OF PRAISE My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout Hymnal, No. 100

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God,

**You have promised liberation for your people, and reconciliation
for all of creation.**

**We confess that we have grown weary of waiting. We have lowered
our hopes, and scaled our expectations according to the world,
rather than believing in your steadfast Word.**

We confess that we have grown comfortable in our waiting.

We cry out for justice, if it doesn't cost us too much.

**We proclaim your liberation, as long as it doesn't impinge on the
freedoms that we value most.**

**We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds,
but we don't want to be mistreated or hated.**

**We don't want to stir up the dust, much less shake it from our feet.
Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating Word
and endurance to persevere until your kingdom comes.**

Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

Friends, believe the good news of 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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-8

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

I Am Sending You

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

Hymnal, No. 43

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Come, Labor On

Hymnal, No. 719

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in B-flat Major

JS Bach

*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 June 25: Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for June **are granola bars and fruit cups. 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.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

G
Leader or All

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -

G *D/F#* *F*

bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My

Dm *F* *Gm* *Asus* *A*

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All *D* *Em*

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the

A7 *D* *D7/F#* *G*

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,

A *Bm* *F#m* *Em7* *A* *Dsus* *D* *Fine*

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All *G* *D/F#*

2 The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and

G *D/F#* *F*

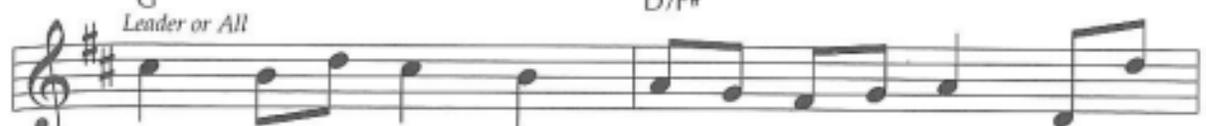
fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings, your

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain



ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G D/F#
Leader or All



3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F



ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain



bout you, near you it shall not come.

G D/F#
Leader or All



4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A
to Refrain



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

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Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
 A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b

- 1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
 Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b

while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b

ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.