### **Memorial Presbyterian Church**

#### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

#### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Gracious God, giver of life, lover of all beings, we live within your embrace, and our hearts are filled with wonder at your presence. We set aside this gentle time to listen to you, and to rest in your care. Speak to us,

and shape our hearts by the power of your Word. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude on St. Columba PRELUDE Raymond H. Haan

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Rodriguez

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.

God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!

\*SONG OF PRAISE Why Should I Feel Discouraged? Hymnal, No. 661

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your arace and alory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### \*THF PFACF

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 Larry Upton

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Romans 6:1b-11 Page No. 917

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;

be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Matthew 10:24-29 Page No. 791

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Hope for the Soul Rev. Dr. Thea McKee

\*SONG OF FAITH Great Is Thy Faithfulness Hymnal, No. 39

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Philippians 2:5-11

#### 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 Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing Hymnal, No. 239

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BI FSSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE Recessional for a Joyful Day Dale Wood

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

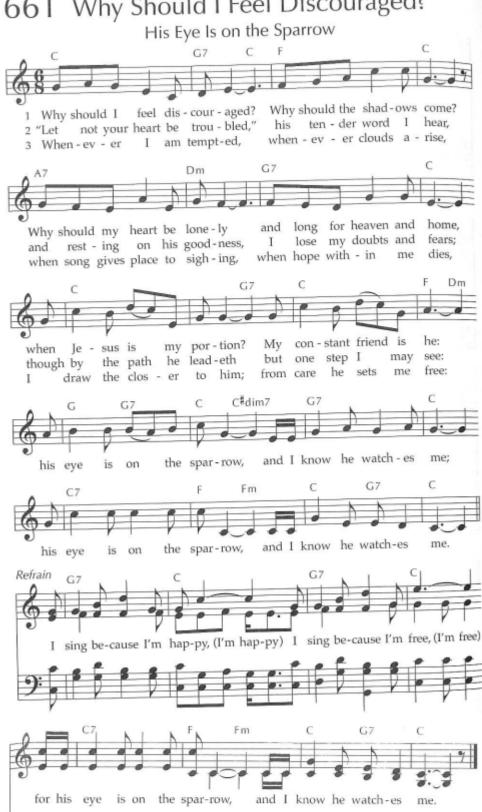
We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for July 2: Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13; Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

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.

## 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?







# Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239

