

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Eternal God, you who call us to hear and obey,  
we still our hearts to listen for your voice,  
coming to us now, coming to us new,  
to give us life and set us free.  
Speak to us, for we are ready. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Let us sing to the Lord!

**Our God has dealt bountifully with us.**

The night was dark, and God's face seemed hidden.

**In sorrow and pain, we cried out to God.**

Still we trusted in God's steadfast love,

**And now our hearts rejoice in God's salvation! Call to confession**

God's grace has brought us from death to life, transforming us into  
instruments of righteousness.

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

God of the Ages

Hymnal, No. 331

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sins of the world.

**God of Providence, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting,  
but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we  
take our lives into our own hands more often than we would like to admit.  
When we trust ourselves more than your grace, forgive us. When we get  
caught up in our own strivings, relieve us. When we think the world rests on  
our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our  
lives over to your gracious care. Amen.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

#### \*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.**

(LBO) Please greet one another with signs of peace.

#### \*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

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Julie Forthman

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these words of Scripture, that they may reveal to us your eternal Word, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22:1-14

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?**

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

**Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!**

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

**But I trusted in your steadfast love;**  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**I will sing to the Lord,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

ANTHEM

My God Sees Me

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-42

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Ever Faithful

Rev. Dr. Thea McKee

\*SONG OF FAITH

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymnal, No. 525

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one  
community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as  
truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet  
entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

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

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

### **SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 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 Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:  
**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE  
COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymnal, No. 687

\*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 July 9: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for July **are bagged beans and canned beans. 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.

# 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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# Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to- geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)  
2 Let us drink wine to- geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)  
3 Let us praise God to- geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)

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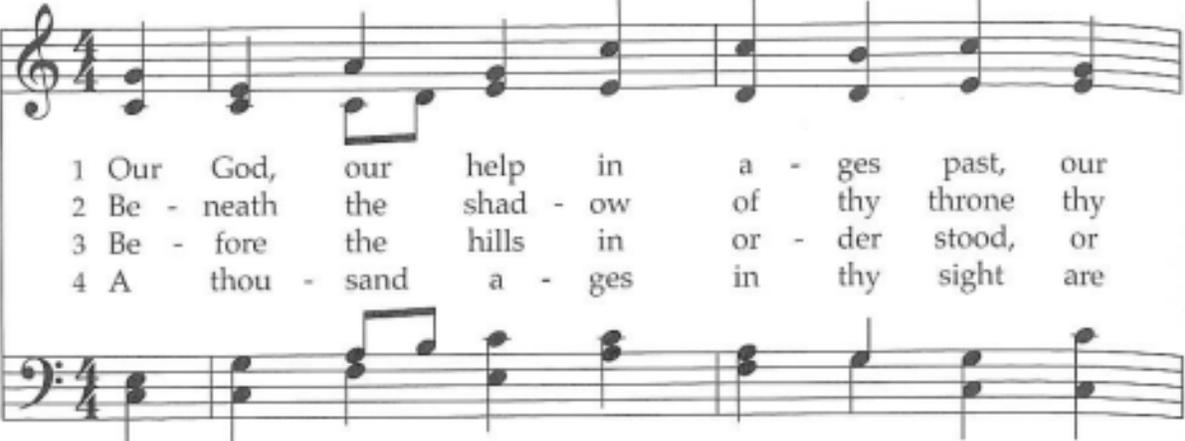
## Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris- ing sun,

O Lord, have mer- cy on me. (on me)

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.