

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Gracious God,
we do not know how to worship as we ought.
But you are in every moment and in every place;
and your Spirit in us helps us worship even now.
Open the eyes of our hearts
to be mindful of your presence
and to allow you to live fully and powerfully in us,
by the Spirit of Christ. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Charles Wesley

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Creator God, we praise you!

Risen Christ, we greet you!

Holy Spirit, you are the treasure that we seek.

And here you are, within and among us!

Spirit of love, we do not know how to worship as we ought.

**But you live within us; you pray in us. You are the heart of our
worship. Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace.
Alleluia!**

*SONG OF PRAISE

God of Great and God of Small

Hymnal, No. 19

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Spirit, intercede . . .

**when we fall short of your glory,
when we do not deserve your promises,
when we do not act like those who have been called your family.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

**when our words wound,
when our silence speaks volumes,
when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

**break forth into our lives,
forming us into the image of your Son,
that we might never feel separate from you again.**

(Time of silent reflection)

Not even our sins can separate us from the love of God.

Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!

*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 without end, without 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

Nick Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:26-39

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance." Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Treasures Among Us

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O Word of God Incarnate

Hymnal, No. 459

*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**
(from Philippians, chapter 2:5-11)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 Give to the Winds Thy Fears Hymnal, No. 815

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Voluntary in G Henry Heron

*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 August 6: Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 55:1-5 and Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for August **are tooth brushes and toothpaste. 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.

God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

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1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.