

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Life-changing God, you have touched us
and transformed us
to reach out to all who hunger for
what only you can give.
Keep our feet in your paths
and bless us to multiply blessings to others,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer
and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Air

Jonathan Battishill

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

We come, carrying just what we need for the journey:
five loaves, two fish.
We come, bringing whatever we have to offer:
our time, our talents, our gifts.
We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:
in God's hands, what we have is enough.

*SONG OF PRAISE

You Thirsty Ones Come

Hymnal, No. 78

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us offer our prayer of confession.
**Generous God,
you freely offer us all we need.
You offer us the bread of life,
so we may never be hungry again.
You offer us living water,
so we will never thirst.
But we scoff at your gifts,
wasting our money, time, and energy
on things that do not satisfy.
Forgive us and call to us again,
reminding us of your gifts of new life
that are ours if we would only accept them.**
(Time of silent reflection)

Incline your ear, listen:

God makes an everlasting covenant with us.

**God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us onward.
Thanks be to God!**

*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 FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 920
Romans 9:1-5
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from
lips free of deceit.
From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.
If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no
wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.
**As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the
ways of the violent.**
My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
**I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to
me, hear my words.**
Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
**As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I
shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 796
Matthew 14:13-21
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON No, You Feed Them Tracy L. Evans

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philemon 2:5-11
**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 2:5-1)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... O Lord, attend to our cry, **give ear to our prayer.**

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

*SONG OF FAITH Break Thou the Bread of Life Hymnal, No. 460

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

God of love, we sing your praise.

You create us, claim us, and continually set us free.

**In all our difficulties you have been with us,
and our only struggle is the struggle to receive your grace.**

When we are hungry you feed us,

and when much was demanded of us you empower us.

**As Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes,
multiply your grace among us, that we may feast on your love.
In gratitude we sing your praise with all Creation.**

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.

Blessed are all who come in your name,

and blessed is Jesus, your Christ,

who taught and healed,

who fed the hungry and included the outcast.

**He showed us miracles of generosity, miracles of abundance,
and called us to do such works of love.**

He was crucified and raised, and the leftovers never end.

**He gave the loaves and fishes of his own life,
and from them you have multiplied life for all people.**

As long as we break this bread and share this cup
we remember his death and resurrection, until he comes again.

**Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:**

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of
Christ.**

In these gifts of food perform again a miracle of generosity;
multiply the loaves and fishes of your presence for us.

**Multiply the loaves and fishes of your love in us,
that we may bear your grace to a hungry world,
in the name and the Spirit of Christ, for your joy and glory. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Amazing Grace Hymnal, No. 649

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Cornet Voluntary John Travers

*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.

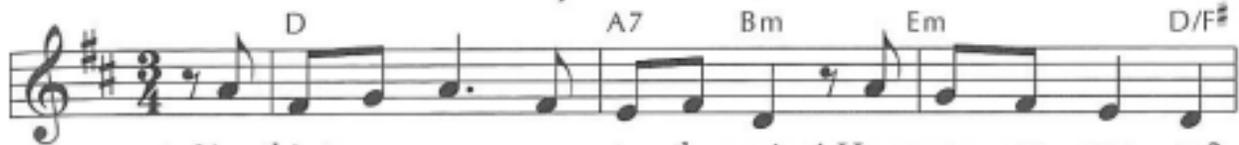
Lectionary Readings for August 13: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for August **are toothbrushes 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.

You Thirsty Ones, Come

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- 1 You thirst - y ones, come to the spring! Have you no mon - ey?
- 2 Why do you work and earn and spend on that which is not
- 3 This food de - lights and sat - is - fies, the food your God can
- 4 Re - turn while God may still be found, and call while God will
- 5 My word like heav - en's snow de - scends; it falls like heav - en's



Come, buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat with - out a
 bread? O lis - ten now and come to me; eat what is
 give; in - cline your ear and come to me; O hear that
 hear; now let the wick - ed quit their ways while yet the
 rain; it wa - ters all the thirst - y earth and shall not



price or sum, with - out a price or sum.
 good in - stead; eat what is good in - stead.
 you may live; O hear that you may live.
 Lord is near, while yet the Lord is near.
 go in vain, and shall not go in vain.

Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some chords. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final notes.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo jobá díits' a'
 yisdáshítinígí,
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da út'ée.*