

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Saving God,
your goodness supports us
as we learn to hope and trust in it.
As the world moves on, day by day,
we hold onto your promise
of life in the face of death,
your salvation miracle.
We yearn to build a community of faith
in which we can flourish,
so that, embracing this good news,
we might share your grace and mercy with others.
Hear our prayer. Amen.

PRELUDE

Air in F Major

George Handel

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

From comfortable pews,
from tricycle seats,
from easy chairs in front of TVs:

**God gathers us in, giving us the
words with which to proclaim the gospel.**

At kitchen sinks,
at laptops and blackboards,
at nursing stations:

**Christ calls us to share
in serving all creation.**

In communities gathered to pray,
in memories of those who served,
in families grilling in the backyard:

The Holy Spirit fills us with God's joy.

*SONG OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

Hymnal, No. 634

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**O Christ who prayed for us, died for us, and lives for us,
you taught us that we belong to you,
and your word is our truth.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we live as if
we belonged only to ourselves.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we foolishly think
that power is the ultimate truth.**

**Speak your words of peace to us this day,
and make our lives a testimony to your grace.**

**For you are the source of life itself,
and only in you can we truly live.**

(Time of silent reflection)

We are no longer blown about in the winds of the world, we are grounded, yesterday, today, tomorrow in God's forgiveness, hope and love.

Today, tomorrow, forever: we can bear fresh fruit, sharing God's peace and joy with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*THE PEACE

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*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Charlotte Lovett

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

I John 5:9-13

Page No. 991

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

ANTHEM

Love, Joy, Peace

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-19

Page No. 879

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MESSAGE

Moving On

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymnal, No. 465

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Col. 1:15–20

**God the Holy Spirit
fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.
The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church
as the community in which people are reconciled
to God and to one another.
The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness
as they forgive one another
and to enjoy the peace of God
as they make peace among themselves.
In spite of their sin,
the Spirit gives people power
to become representatives of Jesus Christ
and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**
Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

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. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Blessed Assurance

Hymnal, No. 839

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Gavotte

Samuel Wesley

*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 May 19: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for May are shampoo & conditioners. **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.

Envelope Fundraiser!

We are raising money to assist our children and youth in attending camps and conferences. You'll find envelopes decorated by our Kids' Club in the hallway off the sanctuary. You can take one or more envelopes; the idea is to give the amount that is on the envelope. Giving more is also an option!

Samuel McCann will be hosting a Bible study in the library on the letters of Paul in the New Testament. While paying attention to Paul's historical context we will try to pursue what his contribution to Scripture means for how we understand the Gospel for our life today. We will begin May 14 at 6 pm in the library and will not meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month so session members are free to join.

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

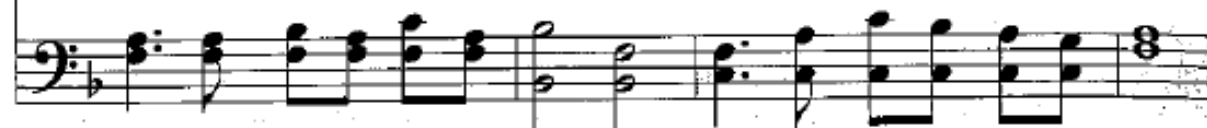
죄짐말은 우리구주



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.



839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.