

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Steadfast God,
you constantly surprise us
with unprecedented grace
and unexpected redemption,
forgiving us when we least deserve it,
showing love to those we most despise.
Enliven us to keep watch
for your love at work in those we demonize,
for your power in those we look down upon,
and for your deliverance from all the ways
that we try to make you conform
to the structures and systems we have built.
All this we pray through Jesus Christ,
who called us to a new way of being. Amen.

PRELUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God.

**We come, trusting God will speak to us;
we come, hoping God will surprise us.**

On this day, like every other day,
we seek to follow Jesus:

**We follow, believing Jesus will be with us;
we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.**

On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

**We open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;
we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

On Eagles Wings

Hymnal, No. 43

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Gracious God, have mercy on us,
for we have failed to be faithful to you,
though you have been faithful to us.
You show us your wisdom,
but we prefer to go our own way.
Our broken relationships with you and one another
have created poverty in us and our neighbors.
In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another
for the work of justice, peace, and love,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**
(Time of silent reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(elder)

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:20-35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Ruling Elder Jim Rodriguez

*SONG OF FAITH

I Want to be as Close to You

Hymnal, No. 736

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.

THE OFFERING

*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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymnal, No. 475

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Allegretto

George F. Handel

*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 June 16: 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 and Psalm 20; Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for June is individually wrapped snacks . **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.

43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

Leader or All G D/F#

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-

G D/F# F

bide in his shad-ow for life, say to the Lord, "My

Dm F Gm Asus A

ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain *All.* D Em

And he will raise you up on ea-gles' wings, bear you on the

A7 D D7/F# G

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,

A Bm F#m Em7 A Dsus D *Fine*

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All G D/F#

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and

G D/F# F

fam-ine will bring you no fear: un-der his wings, your

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G
Leader or All D/F#

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F

ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G
Leader or All D/F#

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

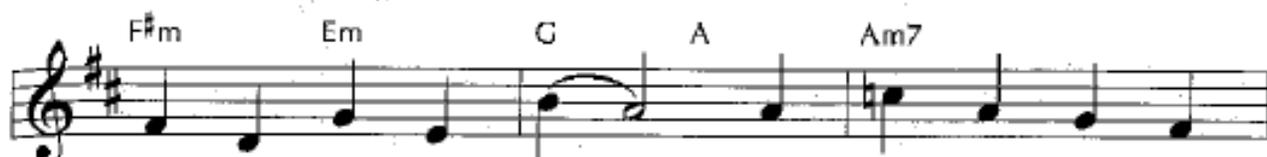
Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A
to Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

I Want to Be as Close to You 736



1 I want to be as close to you as
 2 I want to be as close to you as
 3 I want to be as close to you as
 4 You want to be as close to me as
 5 Like Mar - y, John, and Mag - da - lene, make



she who gave you birth. Christ Je - sus, let my
 was be - lov - ed John. Christ, let me fol - low
 Mag - da - lene who went, pro - claim - ing news of
 moth - er, broth - er, friend. Christ, keep me faith - ful
 us dis - ci - ples true. Like moth - er, broth - er,



"yes," like hers, bring bless - ings on our earth.
 where you lead, by trust and friend - ship drawn.
 death's de - feat, your first a - pos - tle sent.
 to your love, a love that has no end.
 sis - ter, friend, Christ, keep us close to you.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

