### **Memorial Presbyterian Church**

#### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

#### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Gracious God.

as plants in a garden root themselves in rich soil, and open themselves to the rain and sun, so we root ourselves in your Presence.

We open ourselves to your Word.

And we await the working of your Spirit within us, so that what you have planted in us may bear fruit.

We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE Prelude on Gather Us In John Behnke

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

Eternal Mystery, Sun of Life, you create all things.

Your glory shines in every living being.

Living Christ, Divine Presence, you plant the seed of your love in us.

Your beauty, your grace are hidden in our hearts.

Spirit of Love, you call forth our compassion.

By your growth in us, we flower with the fruit of your grace. We thank you. We worship you. We give ourselves to you. Alleluia!

\*SONG OF PRAISE Be Thou My Vision Hymnal, No. 450

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom.

Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness,

for we walk by sight and not by faith.

Forgive us, Lord;

we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.

We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless.

We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors.

Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. 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

Larry Upton

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 20

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.

May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. Selah

May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.

ANTHEM

All This and More

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Mark 4:26-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Seeds of God's Realm Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH There Is Now a New Creation Hymnal, No. 774

#### \*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

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

\*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.

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore Hymnal, No. 721

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE Toccata on St. Anne Gordon Young

\*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 23: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16 and Psalm 133; Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41.

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.

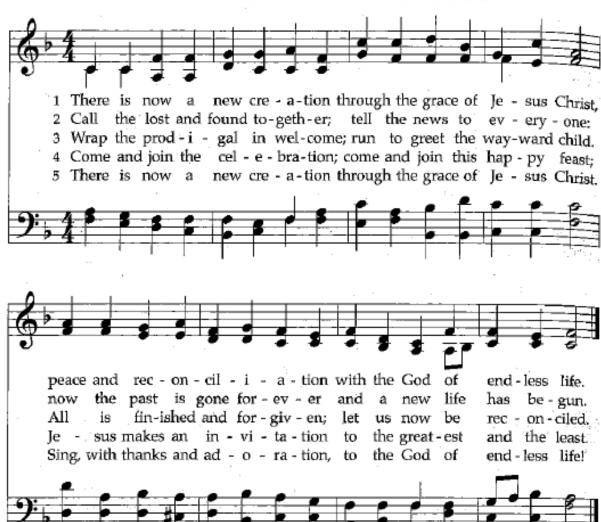
**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

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## Be Thou My Vision



# 774 There Is Now a New Creation



## 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

