

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God, sometimes the hungers of the world come rushing at us.

We want peace and quiet,  
but people around us are in need,  
like sheep without a shepherd.

Feed our hearts, rest our souls,  
nourish our spirits, and renew our compassion,  
that we may be ready and able  
to serve with joy and energy,  
in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

Air

Jonathan Battishill

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Come away," Jesus said,

"to a quiet place by yourselves, and rest a while."

**Jesus, we come to this quiet place to be with you.**

Give us rest. Surround us with the peace in your heart.

**Nourish our souls with the bread of your presence.**

The needs of the world will come begging soon enough.

**In this time and space, we are here. We are yours.**

**Accompany us as we worship.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace

Hymnal, No. 649

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever.**

**We confess that we act as if we are in control  
as if you will bless whatever we do.**

**If we think of others at all,**

**it is with an eye**

**toward their usefulness to us.**

**If we consider your creation,**

**it is to ponder what benefits us.**

**We have failed to show your love  
or to do justice in obedience to you.**

**We have no right to be called your children.**

**Have mercy on us, God of grace.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Forgive our sins, we humbly pray.**

**Put the mind of Christ within us, O God,  
so that our lives take the form of a cross.**

**Use us to break down walls of hostility  
within the church,**

**among the nations,  
and around the world.  
Equip us to do your will,  
giving you glory, honor, and praise  
together with the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever. Amen.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven  
and be at peace. **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 Samuel 11:1-15

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**

Psalm 89:20-37

I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;  
**my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.**  
The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.  
**I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.**  
My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn  
shall be exalted.  
**I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.**  
He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'  
**I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.**  
Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will  
stand firm.  
**I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens en-  
dure.**  
If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,

**if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,**  
then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;  
**but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithful-**  
**ness.**  
I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.  
**Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.**  
His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.  
**It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the**  
**skies." Selah**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

But First, Let's Rest

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Hymnal, No. 169

\*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

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

How Can I Keep From Singing

Hymnal, No. 821

\*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.

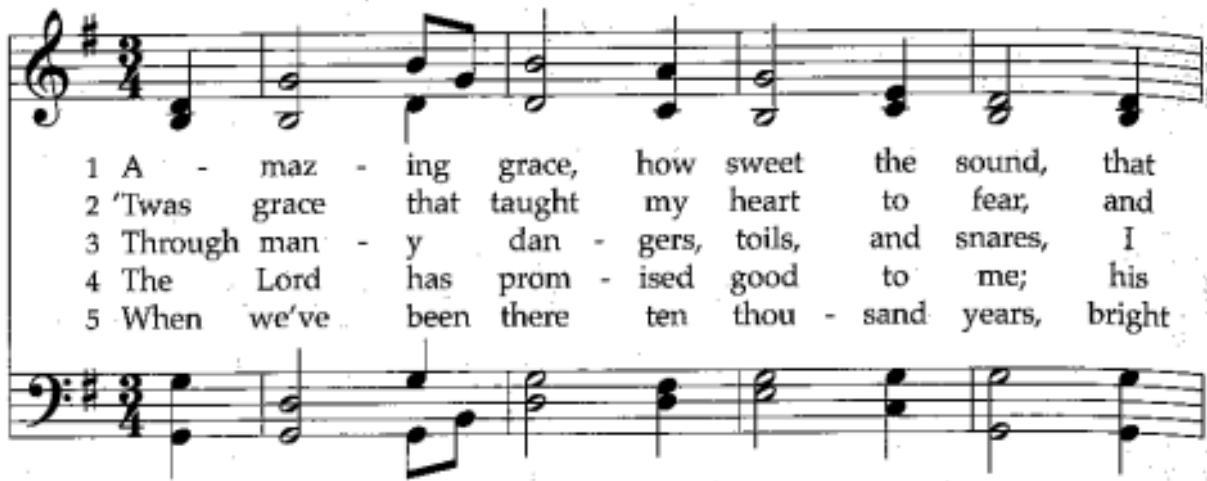
**Lectionary Readings** for July 28: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for July are sunscreen and bug spray . **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

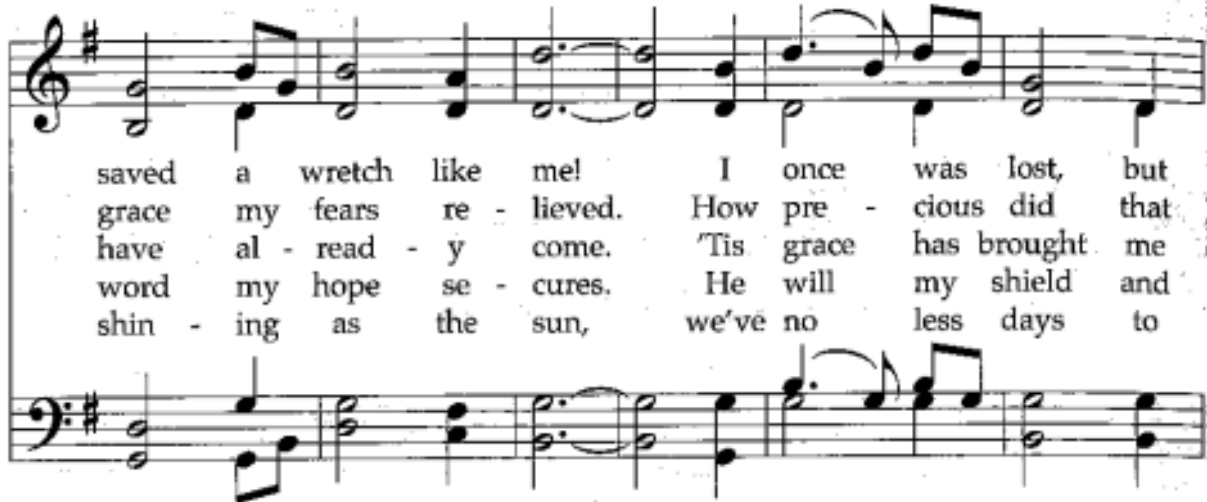
**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

The deacons will be hosting a **cookout lunch today** in the fellowship hall after worship.

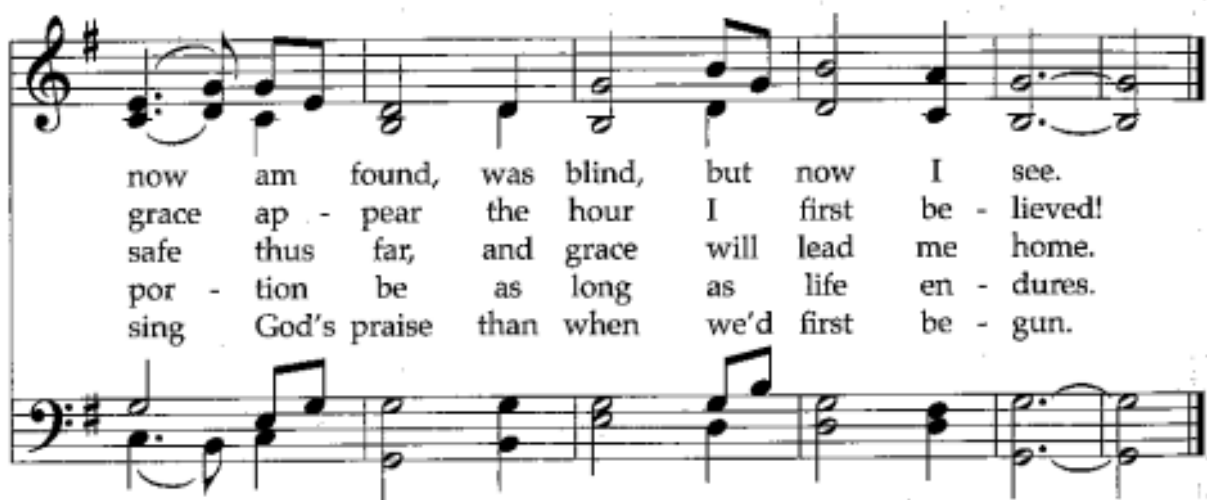
# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



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.


# 169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind



1 \*Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish  
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian  
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -  
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings  
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy



ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in  
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let  
 above, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the  
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and  
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.  
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.  
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

# My Life Flows On

## How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

### Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?