

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY World Communion

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Our God who is
Our Creator God
Our Heavenly Father

Bless us with discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths and superficial relationships.

Bless us with anger at injustice,
oppression and exploitation of people.

Bless us with tears to shed
for those who suffer from pain,
rejection, starvation and war.

Bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in this world.

In the name of the Father
and the Son

and the Holy Spirit. Amen

"A Non-Traditional Blessing" by Sister Ruth Fox

PRELUDE

Prelude in B-flat Major, BWV 560

J. S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*OPENING SENTENCES

Vince Leseney

Creator of all things,

we praise!

Of earth and sky, the seas and stars, and all living beings,

we praise!

Loving Mother and Father of all people, nations and races,

we adore!

You whose arms hold Koreans and Bolivians, Rwandans and Inuit,

we adore!

For Baptist and Orthodox, Methodist and Moravian, Congregational and Cop-
tic,

we give thanks!

With all your Beloved we gather at your table to feast with our siblings in Christ,
one in the Body of Christ, one in your love.

**We worship, we receive your grace, and we give of ourselves, for the sake
of the world.**

Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

This Is My Song

Hymnal, No. 340

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,

in your generosity you have given us

a world of abundance and diversity,

yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.

**We confess that we have defaced your creation
and poisoned our environment**

through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.
In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters
and intended for us to be united,
and yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.
You gave us wisdom and creativity
and we have used those to trick each other
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.
You gave us laws to order our lives
and we have abused them
to take revenge and punish our enemies.
We love war rather than strive for peace.
We ignore the poor and the weak
and honored the rich and powerful.
In all this we have not lived according to your will.
Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements
and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.
In your mercy, forgive us our sins.
(Time of silent reflection)

Believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your
glory abides.**

Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
**those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of
bribes.**

But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

**My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the
Lord.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:2-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

God's Abundant Generosity

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

I Come With Joy

Hymnal, p. 515

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Holy God, we are one in your love, and we thank you.

**It is not our beliefs or our faith that unite us,
but your love for us all that makes us one.**

**Those who are like us and those who are different,
all are beloved and all are made one.**

**People of every continent and every race,
all join us at the table of your grace.**

**Humans and creatures and all living things
are one in the Body of Christ.**

**For the great diversity of people,
for the splendor of life in all its colors,
we praise you.**

**Gracious God, in your grace we are one,
and we worship you.**

We are yours, and we serve you. Alleluia!

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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!

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM

Invitation to Communion

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining the heavenly chorus and the global choir,
singing forever to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises Hymnal, No. 538

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Postlude on St. Anne Charles Callahan

*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 October 13: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Psalm 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for October are cold medicine and socks.

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.

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
 F B^b C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
 Csus Cm B^b Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B^b C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain, sung twice each time

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es; all our
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prais - es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *Fine*

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain
I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hun-ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos-pel.