

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

No one can compare to you, O God.  
Human language cannot fully describe you.  
Still, you became human,  
and with words we could understand  
you called us to serve one another  
and showed us love even to death.  
Invite us once more into this mystery of our faith,  
that we may all, in our own ways,  
offer ourselves to one another. Amen.

PRELUDE

Air

G. F. Handel

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Here is the place where we can bring our pain and hopes.

**For our God carries them with us.**

Here is the place where we can listen for our calling.

**For Jesus invites us to serve with him in the world.**

Here is the place where we are surrounded by grace.

**For the Spirit hears our hearts and heals them.**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal, No. 12

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Gracious and merciful God,**

**we often wonder what we must do to be right with you.**

**The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you.**

**We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love.**

**You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ.**

**We strive for security by piling up the things of this life.**

**Jesus says, "Come, follow me."**

**Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others.**

**Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship.**

**Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives.**

**Through Jesus Christ, amen.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

Children of God, hear and 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

Page No. 973

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 104: 1-9, 24, 35c

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,

**wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,**

you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

**you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

**You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.**

At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

**They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.**

You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

We Are Yours, Lord

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45

Page No. 823

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Being First

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

O God in a Mysterious Way

Hymnal, No. 30

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor  
to include those ordinarily despised and excluded.  
His life in behalf of others  
led to persecution and death.  
He commanded his disciples to live the same way.  
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
lives that recognize all people in all cultures  
as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us  
to go beyond legal requirements  
in serving and helping our neighbor,  
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,  
to care passionately for the other's good,  
to share what we have.  
It is part of our discipline  
to live in simplicity,  
avoiding greed and luxury  
that threaten our neighbor's survival.  
We are obligated to speak the truth in love,  
to listen with patience and openness,  
to love our enemies,  
to accept the risk and pain  
which love involves.**

*(from A Declaration of Faith)*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

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            Will You Let Me be Your Servant?            Hymnal, No. 727

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE                            Trumpet Tune in G                            Sam Batt Owens

\*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 27: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

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

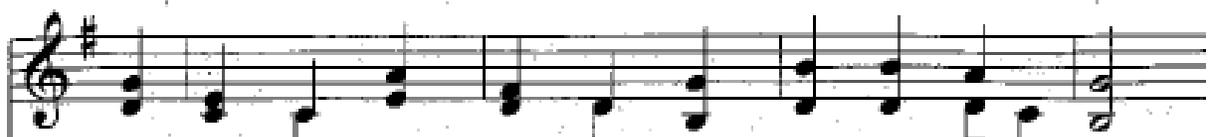
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**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

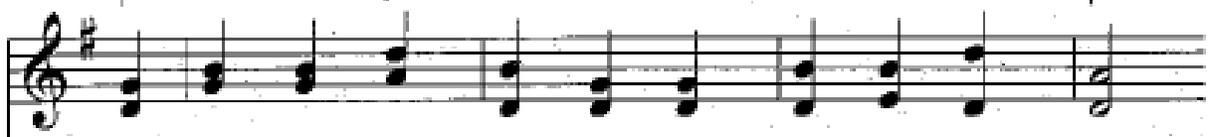
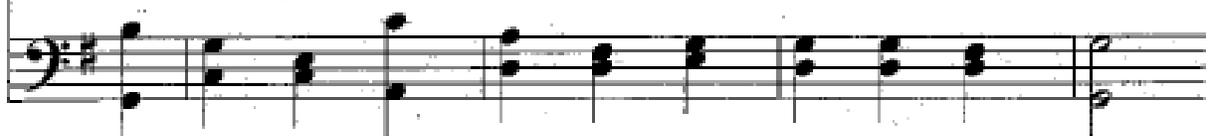
# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



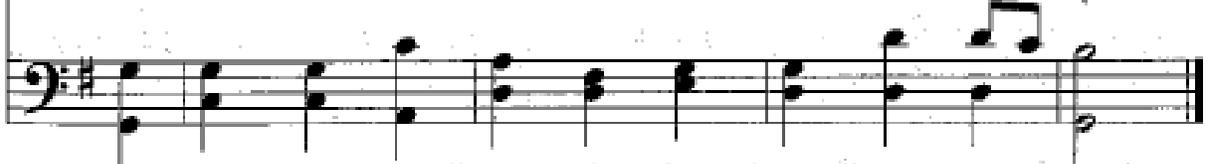
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!



# 30 O God, in a Mysterious Way



- 1 O God, in a mys - te - rious way great won - ders you per - form.
- 2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill,
- 3 O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take. The clouds you so much dread
- 4 Our un - be - lief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.



You plant your foot - steps in the sea and ride up - on the storm,  
you trea - sure up your bright de - signs and work your sov - ereign will.  
are big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on your head.  
You are your own in - ter - pret - er, and you will make it plain.



# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

## The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

*(repeat stanza 1)*