

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Teach us, good lord,
to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labor and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come, Follow Me

Flor Peeters

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The winds and the waves are no match for our God.

Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calm to the storm.

In the midst of the storms of our lives,

let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Hymnal, No. 8

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves,
we pray for a glimpse of your peace in our lives.**

**When all around us has given way to chaos,
ground us in your presence.**

**When the struggle for justice seems endless and we grow tired,
refresh us by your mercy.**

**Help us to see that you are in the boat with us,
even when we are certain that it is sinking.**

**Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord,
and make us agents of your reign.**

(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 Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Page No. 940

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,**

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty wa-
ters;**

they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

**For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the
waves of the sea.**

They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;

their courage melted away in their calamity;

they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from
their distress;**

he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

**Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to
their desired haven.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to human-
kind.

**Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in
the assembly of the elders.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Don't You Care?

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

Give to the Wind Thy Fears

Hymnal, No. 815

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

*The offering plates are in the narthex.
You are invited to make an offering as you depart today.*

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Be Still, My Soul

Hymnal, No. 819

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

J. Bert Carlson

*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 27: Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 and Psalm 130; Complementary: Lamentations 3:22-33 and Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live-streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing in the next few weeks as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

Food & Shelter items are being collected in the box outside the office.

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

819

Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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