

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O God,
light of the minds that know you,
life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you:
Help us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
so to love you
that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather on this holy day,

we pray for the posture of servants of God:

for openness, so we may be surprised by God's grace;

for humility, so we may be changed by Christ's compassion;

for discernment, so we may hear Christ calling us;

for courage, so we may take the steps to answer.

Let us worship the Living God,

the One who is our reason for praise.

*SONG OF PRAISE O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Hymnal, No. 618

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

You shower us with blessings, with chances to know your grace.

Still, O Lord, we twist your promises and pray for blessings we can own.

You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow your call to compassion.

Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over transformative faith.

You have told us that your love is enough,

that the waters of mercy will not run dry.

Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust,

hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own.

Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness,

offer us a chance to try again.

(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 8:7-15

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:21-43

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A Daughter's Faith

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Woman Hiding in the Crowd

Hymnal, No. 178

*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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Hymnal, No. 775

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*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 4: Semicontinuous: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48; Complementary Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-19; Mark 6:1-13.

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.

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so

thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom


God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Reducing a twenty-three-stanza Latin text to these five English stanzas intensifies this survey of the mystery of the Incarnation and strengthens the repeated reminder that all was done "for us." A comparable tone of proclamation animates this 15th-century song celebrating a military victory.

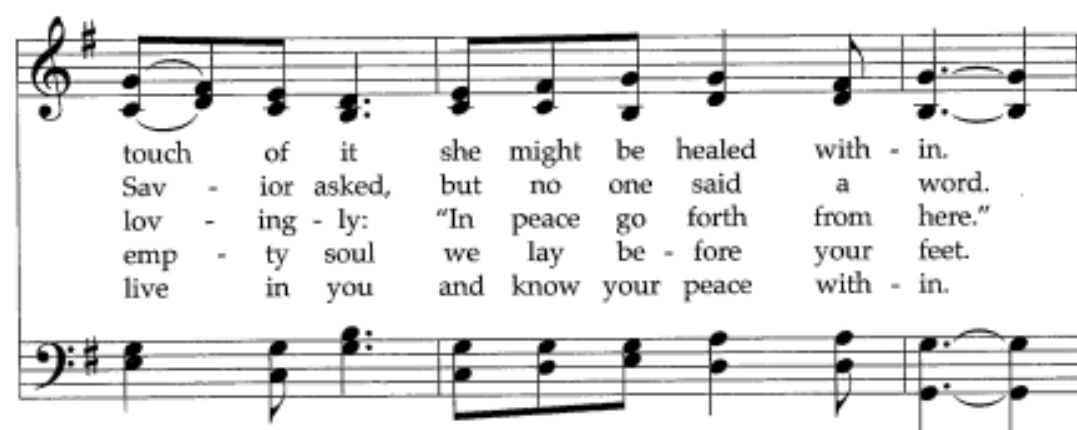
178 The Woman Hiding in the Crowd



1 The wom - an hid - ing in the crowd reached
2 From Christ went forth the heal - ing grace, her
3 The wom - an knelt be - fore him then with
4 The bur - dens now that weigh us down, the
5 So touch us, Lord, with heal - ing grace and



for Christ's gar - ment hem that sim - ply by the
health and life re - stored. "Who touched my clothes?" the
joy and anx - ious fear, and Je - sus blessed her
sins we fear to speak, the ache of heart and
make us whole a - gain that we may al - ways



touch of it she might be healed with - in.
Sav - ior asked, but no one said a word.
lov - ing - ly: "In peace go forth from here."
emp - ty soul we lay be - fore your feet.
live in you and know your peace with - in.

The first three stanzas are based on the story of Christ's healing of a woman with an internal hemorrhage (Mark 5:24b-34 / Luke 8:42b-48). By expanding and applying this event, the final two stanzas provide a helpful model of how scripture can be related to our own lives.

775 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.