



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of love,  
Holy Oneness,  
you who are wholeness and life and truth,  
we open our hearts to you.  
Dulled by our comforts and our privilege,  
we ask you to open our eyes,  
stir our hearts,  
and move us to do your will.  
Speak to us and awaken us with your Word. Amen.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      Christus, der ist mein Leben                      Johann Walther  
David Marvel, Organist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                      Vince Leseney  
God of abundant generosity, you bless us.  
**We are rich in your grace.**  
Loving Christ, you bless the broken and the needy, and you come to us.  
**We are poor in spirit.**  
Holy Spirit, you rouse us, you open our eyes, you stir us to compassion.  
**We open the gates of our hearts to you. Come in, and be our love.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE      As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought      Hymnal, No. 712

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON  
**Dressed in fine linen,  
we feast sumptuously every day,  
while others long to satisfy their hunger.  
We have Moses and the prophets,  
yet we remain unconvinced,  
waiting for some human warning.  
Forgive us.  
In your mercy, convince and comfort us,  
and lead us to righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**  
*(Time of silent reflection)*

Believe the good news:  
**in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**



**And being found in human form  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response... God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Give Thee but Thine Own

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound

Hymnal, No. 766

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

O God, Who Gives Us Life

\*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 September 25: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **September is peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce. 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.

**Mark your calendars!!!** On October 2nd we will be having our fabulous World Communion service!! After the service we will be having our Worldy Pot Luck luncheon. So be sure to come, worship, and join in on a yummy luncheon after church. There is a sign up poster in the hallway if you want to sign up to bring something. There is always way too much food. So come hungry!

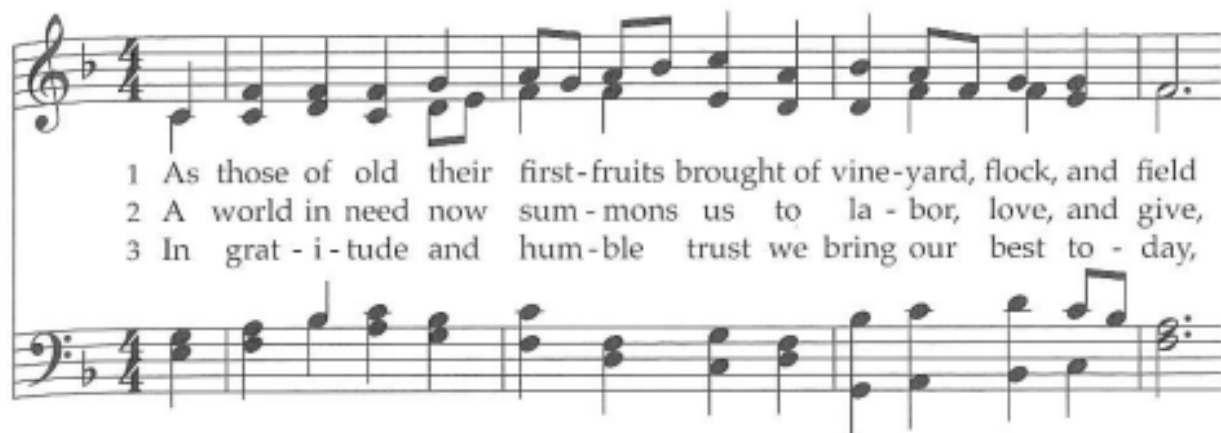
**REMINDER: There will be a congregational meeting today** immediately following worship for the purpose of electing church officers. The nominating committee is proposing this slate of officers -

For Session Class of 2024: Julie Forthman, Larry Upton and Charlotte Lovett

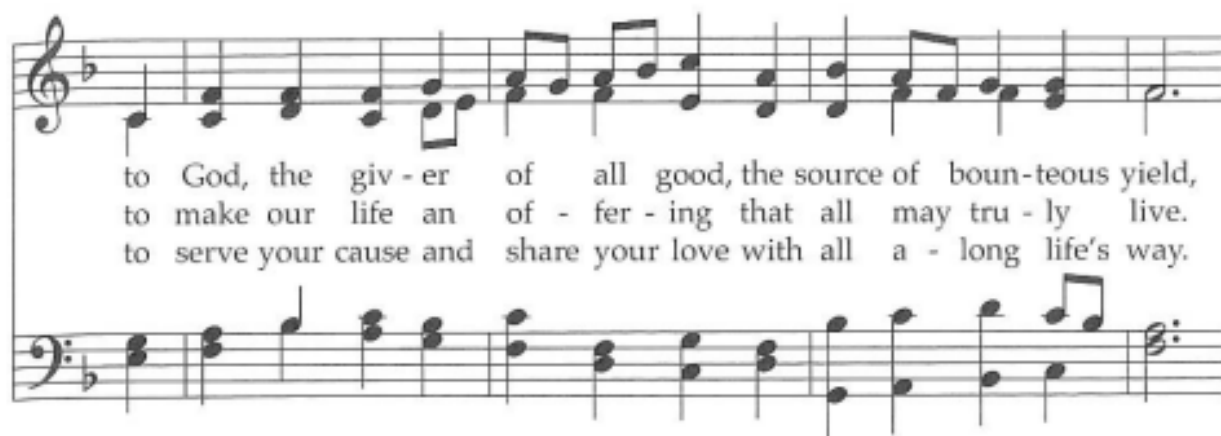
For Deacons Class of 2024: Carl Forthman, Lisa Upton and John Beck

**Thank you, thank you, thank you!** After the desperate plea last week, we have had several offers to help with Kids Club! We will begin October 12. We could still use a few folks who could substitute on occasion, so if you're willing, let Tracy know!

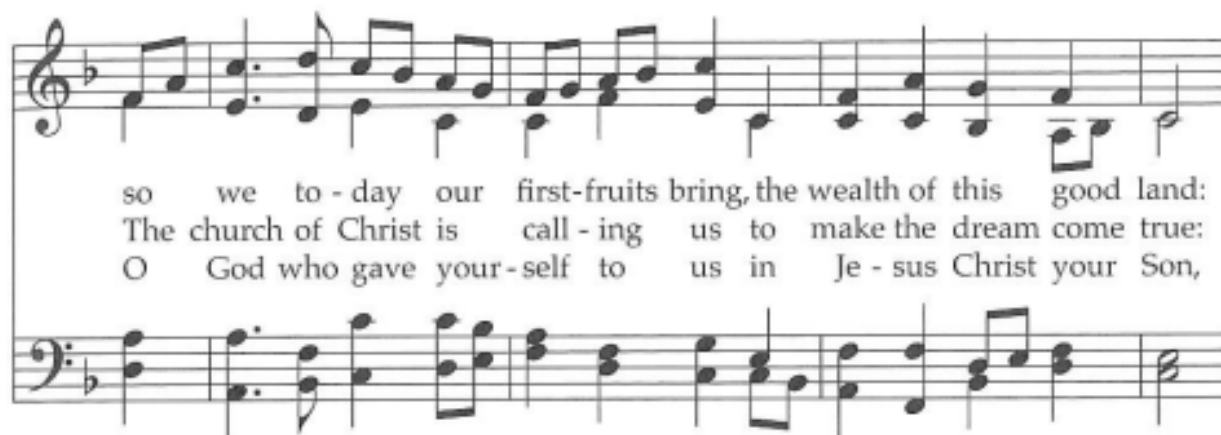
# As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



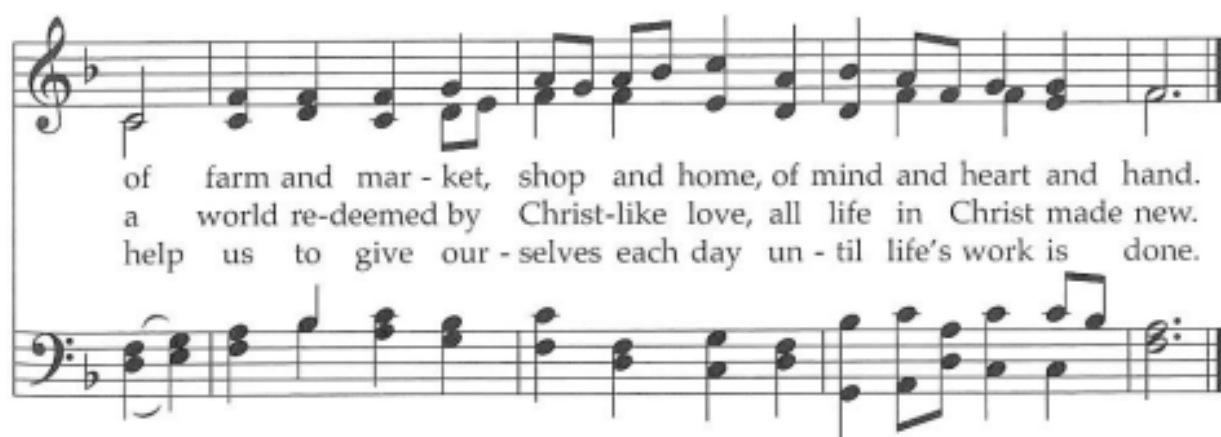
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,  
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,




of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.  
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

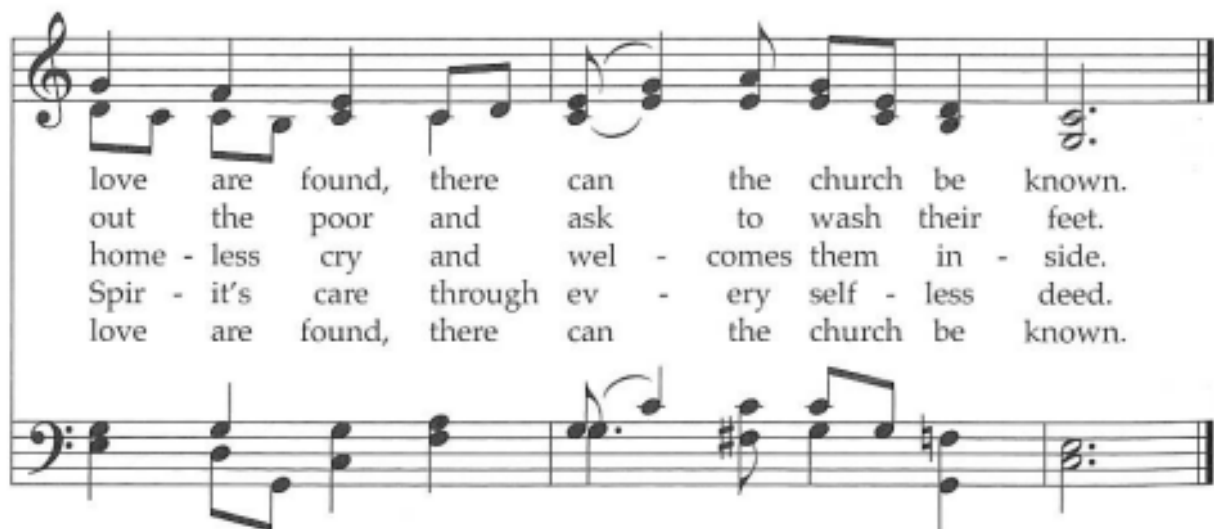
# The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by  
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and  
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when  
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to  
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and  
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek  
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the  
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the  
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.  
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.  
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.  
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.  
 love are found, there can the church be known.

# Heaven Shall Not Wait

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Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb

1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,  
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,  
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i-de-as,  
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri-um-phant Hal-le-lu-jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)  
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Ab Bbsus Bb

the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:  
 the proud to fall, the e-lite to tend the least:  
 thoughts of com-pas-sion di-voiced from cries of pain:  
 when earth has passed and we reach an-oth-er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)  
 Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 Eb Fm7 Bb

Je-sus is Lord; he has cham-pioned the un-want-ed;  
 Je-sus is Lord; he has shown the mas-ter's priv-ilege:  
 Je-sus is Lord; he has mar-ried word and ac-tion;  
 Je-sus is Lord in our pres-ent im-per-fec-tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)  
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm Fm

in him in-jus-tice con-fronts its time-ly  
 to kneel and wash ser-vants' feet be-fore they  
 his cross and com-pa-ny make his pur-pose  
 his power and love are for now and then for

1-3 4  
 (Asus) (A) (Asus) (A) (D)  
 Bbsus Bb Bbsus Bb Eb

end.  
 feast.  
 plain.

ev - er - more.