

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Christ, our way,
lead us.
Christ, our truth,
illumine us.
Christ, our life,
bring us to life.
Make us your people.
Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Air in F Major

George Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

God, in your house there are many dwelling places—
room for all your Beloved.

We belong to you.

Christ, you prepare a place for us and come for us and take us into yourself.

We come to you.

We are in you, and you are in us, and we are in Christ.

We worship you. Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

This is My Father's World

Hymnal, No. 370

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

Christ, our way, our truth, our life,

you have shown us the way,

so clearly and fully.

You have not simply told us how to live,

you have shown us.

But we still don't get it.

We do not believe all you have said to us;

we do not trust the way you have shown us.

Help us, O God.

Forgive us.

Open our ears to your truth,

open our eyes to your way,

and lead us into new life.

(Time of silent reflection)

Beloved, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Jesus prepares a place for us,

Jesus brings us close to him,

Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

**We are God's own people.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*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 with-out end, with-out end. Amen (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Melissa Gill

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your
righteousness deliver me.

**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for
me, a strong fortress to save me.**

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me
and guide me,

take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful
God.

**My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my
enemies and persecutors.**

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Many Rooms

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Feed Us Lord

Hymnal, No. 501

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philemon 2:5-11

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Today's prayer is based on Psalm 31 and a prayer by Howard Thurman

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

Loving God, at your table Christ prepares a place for us.

We come to your table, grateful for our belonging.

In your house there are many rooms.

**In your house we have many roommates,
siblings who are also God's beloved people.**

We come as one.

You set free your people and invite us all

to your table of justice and mercy, your feast of grace.

**You covenant to be with us in love always,
and so we gratefully sing your praise,**

together with all who are in the many rooms of your house:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are all who come in your name,
and blessed is Jesus, your Christ.

Christ, you are the way, the truth, the life.

We come to feast on the truth, to follow the way, to embody the life.

You draw us to yourself, so that where you are, we may be.

As we break this bread and share this cup
we remember his death and resurrection, until he comes again.

**Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:**

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

God, you are in Christ, and Christ is in you,

and by your Spirit we are in Christ.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of
Christ, doing the works of Christ, with our hearts unafraid,
for the healing of the world. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace Hymnal, No. 545

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Gavotte Samuel Wesley

Liturgy today is taken from the following sources:

Teri Ott and the *Presbyterian Outlook*

Steve Garnaas-Holmes (www.UnfoldingLight.net)

*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 May 14: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for May **are hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, combs and brushes, 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 Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

The fourth system concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Feed Us, Lord

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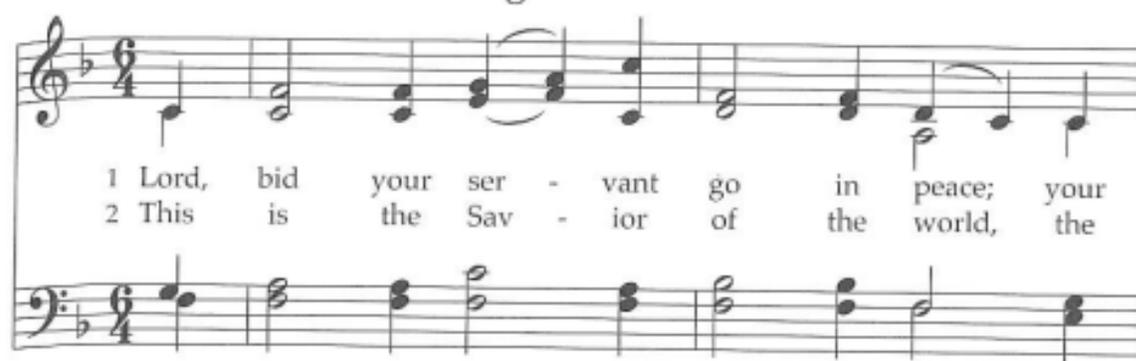
1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace 545

Song of Simeon



1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the



word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing



va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.