

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Spirit of truth, we search for you.*

*Spirit of love, we long for you.*

*Spirit of life, we hunger for your grace.*

*You who dwell within us, speak to us.*

*You in whom we live and move and have our being, speak to us.*

*Beyond words, enfolded deep in the mystery in which we dwell, speak to us. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Travers

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God gathers us here.

**We have been tested, we have suffered,  
but God has brought us through.**

Come, let us tell of what God has done for us!

**We cried aloud to God,  
and God listened and answered.**

Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

Come Thou Almighty King

Hymnal, No. 2

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us lift our prayers to God.

**Holy One,**

**We love you imperfectly:**

**we do not always keep your commandments.**

**We love each other imperfectly:**

**we hurt those you call us to love  
through our actions and our inaction.**

**We love ourselves imperfectly:**

**we struggle to believe that we are truly your children,  
made in your image.**

**Forgive us.**

**By the power of your Spirit,**

**make us more faithful**

**that we might live as Christ has shown us,  
reflecting your love and grace.**

(Time of silent reflection)

Not because of anything we have done,  
not because of our belief or faithfulness:  
we live because Christ lives.

**This is the Christ who forgives us.**



SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

Our Companion

Diana Smith  
Commissioned Ruling Elder

\*SONG OF FAITH

Lord I Want to be a Christian

Hymnal, No. 729

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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

RESPONSE:...Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God who listens  
and gives heed to our prayers.

**We praise and we bless you, our true  
and loving God.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer  
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG

As the Wind Song

Hymnal, No. 292

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Rondo in G

John Bull

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 21: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

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.

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## Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal



name to sing; help us to praise:  
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!



Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,



come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.



# 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

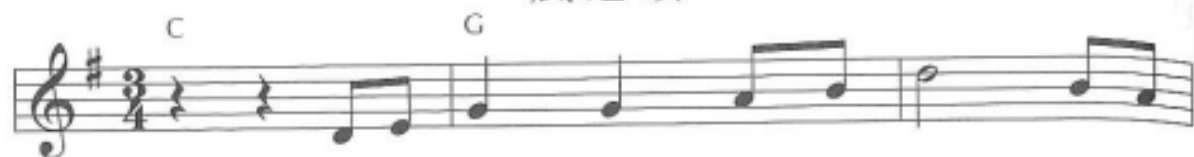
1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,  
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

## 風之頌



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the  
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the  
 1 風之頌, 林中吹送, 輕風  
 2 彩之虹, 雨後高懸, 生之



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 送, 心中振動, 上主的靈如風吹  
 盼, 人間再現, 上主的靈如風吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the  
 God, as the green in the spring, as a  
 送; 心溫暖, 奇異難明, 風浪  
 送; 春天裡, 青山綠水, 線上



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 中, 靜聽主聲, 上主的靈如風吹  
 繫飛揚風箏, 上主的靈如風吹



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come  
 送; 眼不見, 心未明, 風來去何  
 送; 大地萬象更新, 和平終實



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,  
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,  
蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;  
現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the  
火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮  
麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。  
酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。