### **Memorial Presbyterian Church**

#### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

#### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Gracious God,
your Word is not far away, but near us.
It is on our lips. It is in our hearts.
Grant us stillness this morning,
that we may be mindful of your presence
and open to your Word.
Help us always to know that you are near,
in stillness and in turmoil, in calm and in storm.
Help us always dwell in your presence,
listen for your Word, and reach for your hand. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Chorale in G Arnold Cooke

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

O give thanks to the Lord!

Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!

Remember all the things God has done!

We glory in God's holy name!

Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

we come to be in God's presence.

\*SONG OF PRAISE Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather Hymnal, No. 311

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God,

it is easy to confess with our lips

that you are Lord,

but it is much harder to believe with our hearts,

to live in a way that puts you first.

We are quick to trust in idols.

We depend on what we can see, touch, and control,

instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice.

Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief,

so that what we confess with our lips

we may truly believe in our hearts.

(Time of silent reflection)

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions.

We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed! Hallelujah!

\*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.

And to the spilit, whose love has set the free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Tim Thiessen

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Romans 10:5-15 Page No. 921

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people,

to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him.

that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good,

and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him,

and will make a path for his steps.

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Matthew 14:22-33 Page No. 796

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Out on the Water Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH God of the Sparrow Hymnal, No. 22

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Romans 8:1,28,38,39)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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 It is Well with My Soul Hymnal, No. 840

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune David N. Johnson

\*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 August 20: Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for August are toothbrushes and toothpaste. 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.



Please plan to stay for a potluck meal following worship on Sunday, August 27. You're welcome to bring a dish to share, but it is you we want to see!

# 311 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather



- 1 Here, O Lord, your ser vants gath er, hand we link with hand;
- 2 Man y are the tongues we speak,

scat-tered are the lands;

3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide,

chang - es nev - er cease;

4 Grant, O God, an age re-newed,

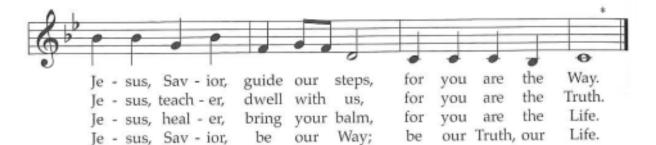
filled with death-less love;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, yet our hearts are one in God, where, O where, can wea - ry souls help us as we work and pray; joined in love we stand, one in love's de-mands, find the source of peace? send us from a - bove



As we seek the realm of God, While in dark-ness hope ap - pears, Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, truth and cour-age, faith and power we u - nite to pray: call - ing age and youth: torn by end - less strife: need - ed in our strife:





Thanks

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## When Peace like a River

