

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of grace,
you have given us the gift of community.
Bless us with humility,
that we may receive the gifts of community.
Bless us with open hearts,
that we may receive your gifts
through one another, and through your Word.
By the grace of Christ's presence with us,
may we hear, and may we live, your Good News. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

God of love, we come not by our initiative but by your invitation.

Together we worship, together we grow.

Loving Christ, in your grace you gather us into your Body.

Together we worship, together we grow.

Holy Spirit, you make us one with you, one with Christ,
and one in ministry to the world.

Together we worship, together we grow.

Together we praise you in harmony. Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

We Gather Together

Hymnal, No. 336

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Beautiful Savior,

you have made your law clear:

Love. Love one another.

Owe one another nothing but love.

Do no wrong to a neighbor.

But we have not mastered what it is to love.

We have fallen short,

causing harm to others

through careless action

and thoughtless lack of action.

Forgive us.

Teach us how to love more fully,

more perfectly,

as generously as you love,

following your law and fulfilling your will.

(Time of silent reflection)

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:

Who is in a position to condemn?

**Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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 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 Melissa Gill

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 923
Romans 13:8-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 149

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of
the faithful.

**Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their
King.**

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine
and lyre.

**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble
with victory.**

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

**Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged
swords in their hands,**

to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
**to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,
to execute on them the judgment decreed.**

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM Cantate Domino

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 799
Matthew 18:15-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Living as One

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Jesu, Jesu

Hymnal, No. 203

*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

Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether

Hymnal, No. 529

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*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 September 17: Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for **September are crackers and soups. 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.

We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!



203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.