

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of love, we give thanks that we are not alone;
we are all members of the Body of Christ,
members of one another,
united with your beloved people around the world.
You extend your compassion to all people.
Give us hearts of gratitude for our oneness in Christ;
give us delight in the variety of people who are one with us;
and give us compassion for all,
especially those who are different from us.
We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lyrical Song

Edvard Grieg

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Lovett

It is you, God, who have created us and set us free from all that oppresses.

We sing your praise!

It is you, gentle Christ, who have transformed our lives with God's love.

We declare our thanks!

It is you, Holy Spirit, who give us a new way to live.

We give to you our whole being.

May we worship you in all we do!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymnal, No. 394

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

In humility, let us confess our sins.

**God of the law and the prophets,
We do not want to admit
all the commandments we have broken.
We worship idols of money, success, and power.
We use your name to justify whatever we do.
We do not honor each other;
we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others.
Our sins are too many to name.
Forgive us.
Speak to us and we will listen,
remembering that you are
our freedom and deliverer.
(Time of silent reflection)**

Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for such graciousness!

*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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Nick Lindley

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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MESSAGE

God's Loving Wisdom

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

I Long for Your Commandments

Hymnal, No. 64

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

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

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Fight the Good Fight!

Hymnal, No. 846

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Duke Street"

John Hatton

*Please rise in body or spirit.

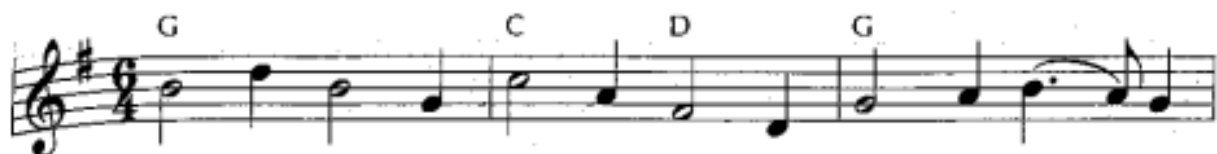
We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for October 15: Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.

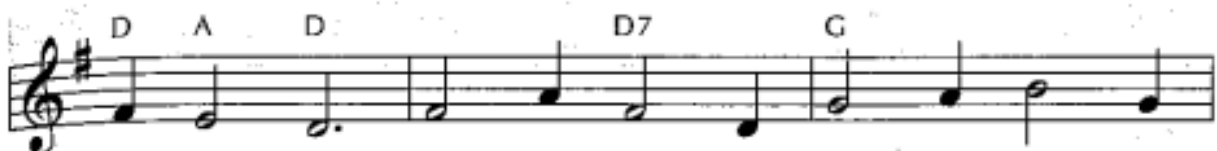
The Food & Shelter items of the month for **October are laundry soup and towels (used is fine). Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

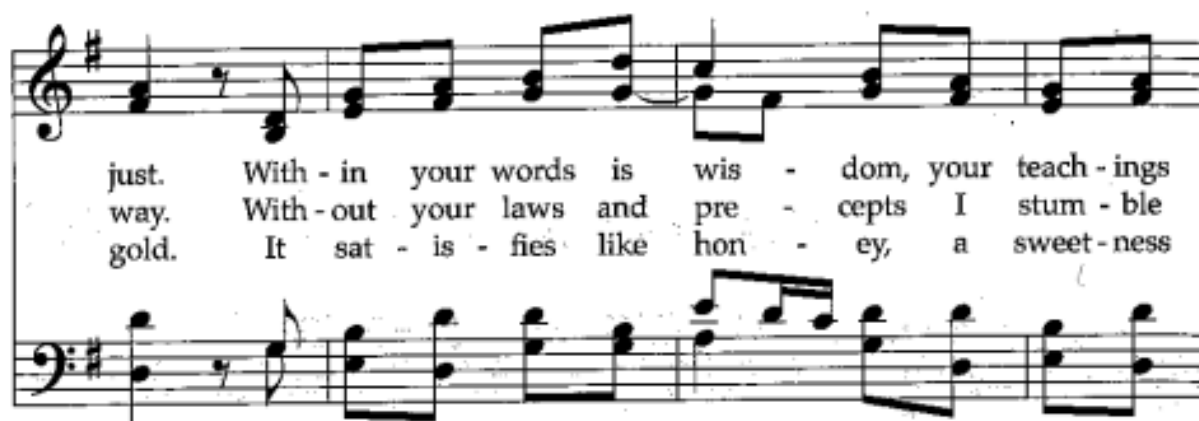
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64 I Long for Your Commandments

(Psalm 119)



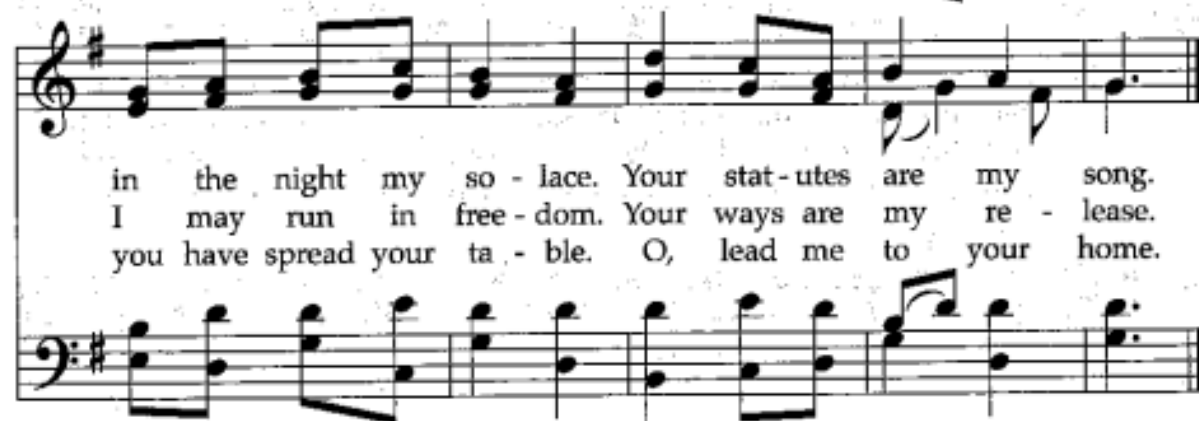
1 I long for your com - mand - ments; your judg - ments all are
2 With - out your lamp to guide me I wan - der from the
3 O God, I love your knowl - edge, more pre - cious than pure



just. With - in your words is wis - dom, your teach - ings
way. With - out your laws and pre - cepts I stum - ble
gold. It sat - is - fies like hon - ey, a sweet - ness



un - der - stood are com - fort to my spir - it's need and
in the dark. Your un - der - stand - ings are my hope that
on my tongue. It leads me to sal - va - tion's door where



in the night my so - lace. Your stat - utes are my song.
I may run in free - dom. Your ways are my re - lease.
you have spread your ta - ble. O, lead me to your home.

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.