

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reign of Christ

November 26, 2023

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Gentle and mighty God, we thank you,  
that you reign over the world with grace and compassion.

You revealed your Realm in Jesus,  
who embodied your mercy and justice.  
He healed the sick, raised up the downtrodden,  
destroyed the powers of oppression,  
and proclaimed your Jubilee.

In his death and resurrection you have brought us out of the realm of darkness and in-  
to the realm of your eternal light and life.

Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on all your church,  
that we may serve you faithfully in all that we do,  
in the name and the love of Christ. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Processional on Diademata

Dale Wood

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

Make a joyful noise to God!

**Worship God with gladness!**

Come into God's presence with a song!

**Know that the Lord is God.**

God made us. We belong to God.

**Give thanks to God! Bless the name of the Lord!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal, No. 263

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**If we had known it was you, Lord,  
we would have done something different.**

**If we had known if was you, Lord,  
we would have given you food.**

**If we had known it was you, Lord,  
we would have taken you in.**

**If we had known it was you, Lord,  
we would not have passed you by.**

**But we did.**

**Too often we make excuses  
for not taking care of each other.**

**We have ignored your commandments to love and care.**

**We do not deserve forgiveness,  
but we ask for it anyway,**

**and ask you to help us change our ways.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

God seeks the lost,  
brings back those who have strayed,

binds up the injured,  
and strengthens the weak.

**We are forgiven and restored.  
Thanks be to God!**

\*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                      Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING                      Page No. 949  
Ephesians 1:15-23

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM                      Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**  
Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people,  
and the sheep of his pasture.  
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**  
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

ANTHEM                      Worship our God and King

SCRIPTURE READING                      Page No. 807  
Matthew 25:31-46

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      Reign of Christ the King                      Melissa Gill

\*SONG OF FAITH                      Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us                      Hymnal, No. 44

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ,  
such as a heavenly city, the household of God,  
a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast,  
and an unending day  
culminate in the image of the kingdom.  
The kingdom represents God's triumph  
over all that resists the divine will  
and disrupts God's creation.  
Already God's reign is present  
as a ferment in the world,  
stirring hope in all people  
and preparing the world  
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.  
With an urgency born of this hope,  
the church applies itself to present tasks  
and strives for a better world.  
It does not identify limited progress  
with the kingdom of God on earth,  
nor does it despair  
in the face of disappointment and defeat.  
In steadfast hope,  
the church looks beyond all partial achievement  
to the final triumph of God.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.54–55*

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymnal, No.268

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Rejoice the Lord is King

Charles Callahan

\*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 December 3: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for November **are gloves, good coats, stocking caps and hot hands. 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 have another gathering planned for **December 3**, but this will be different. Quite different. Instead of a potluck, the food **will be provided. It will be a simple soup and salad lunch**, provided by the deacons. We want to make it easy because we **WANT YOU THERE**. Following lunch, there will be a presentation on the state of the church.

# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,  
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
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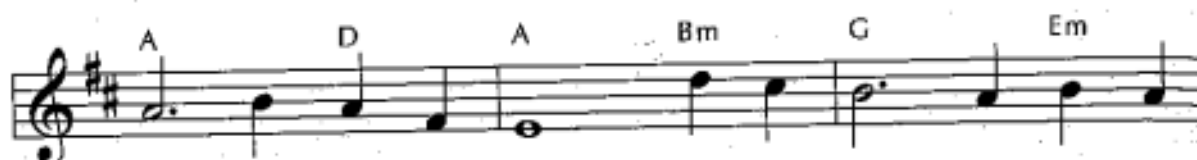
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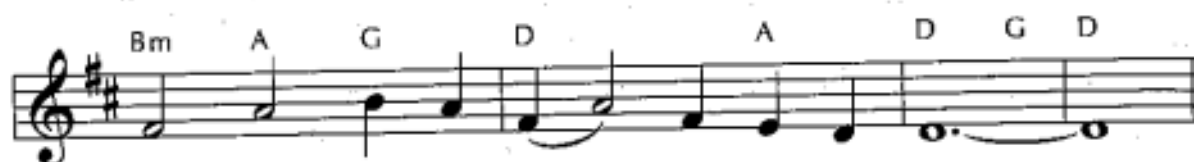
# 44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us



1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us  
 2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our  
 3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our  
 4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her  
 hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our  
 trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,  
 neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.  
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.  
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.  
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

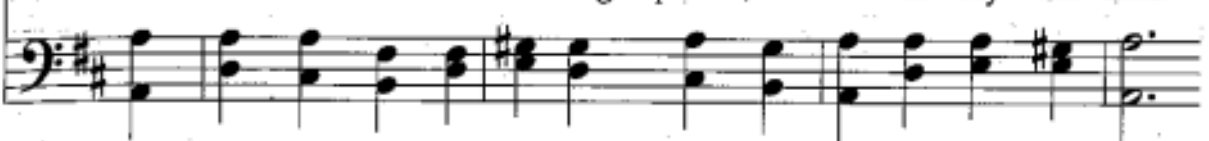
# Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

