Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

In the touch of a lover's hand, in the tickling fingers of a child, in the brush strokes on a canvas, in the notes played on a violin, You Are the grace of life in our hearts.

In the meals neighbors bring during grief, in the cold lemonade of children on the corner, in the cookies and milk offered after school, in the sacks of groceries shared with the homeless, You Are the Bread of life, in our moments.

In the gentle showers of summer, in the cool breezes of autumn, in the brittle stars of winter, in the butterflies of spring, You Are the Spirit of life, in our midst.

By Rev. Thom M. Shuman

PRELUDE Sarabande Ian Higginson

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

Please rise in body or spirit for the Call to Worship.

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.

Hear our voices!

We wait for you;

in your word we hope.

O magnify our God with me.

Let us lift God's name together,

for we sought the Holy One

and they answered us;

God delivered us from all fear.

Look to God, beloved, and be radiant.

*SONG OF PRAISE Morning Has Broken Hymnal, No. 664

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

We break your heart, God of all the world, by the respectable lives we lead. Blessed by you with every gift, we practice thrift towards others.

Seeking to be good and proper Christians, we overlook you in the company of the poor, the oppressed, those without a voice. We choose to spread gossip about our friends and neighbors, when we could speak gently to them.

Forgive us for the pain we cause you and other people, Grieving God. Help us to make a clean break with those habits which keep us from wholeness. Open us to the movement of your Spirit within us. Feed us with the Bread of Life, so we might have the love and passion to feed the world.

This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(Time of silent reflection)

Let us be quick to forgive, even as God has forgiven us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:35, 41-51

Page No. 868

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

I Kings 19:4-8 Page No. 284

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Get Up and Eat Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH O for a Closer Walk with God Hymnal, No. 739

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

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.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... God of abundant grace, 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

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG For Everyone Born Hymnal, No. 769

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Improvisation Ian Higginson

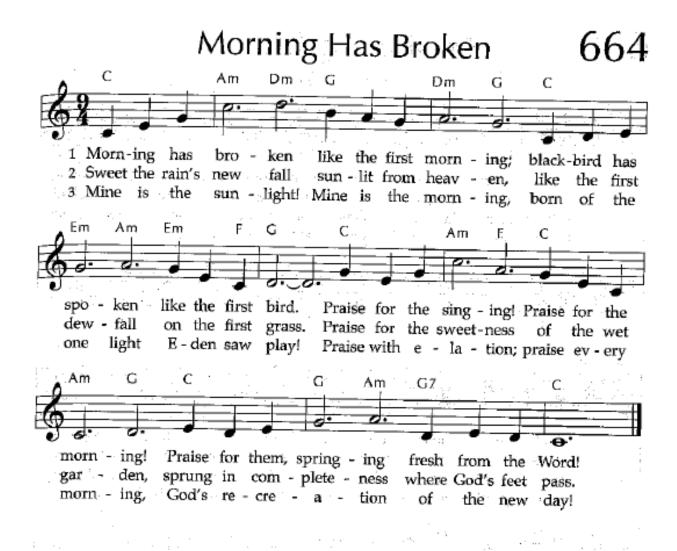
*Please rise in body or spirit.

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 18: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and Psalm 111; Proverbs 9:1-6 and Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for August are pasta and pasta sauce. 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.

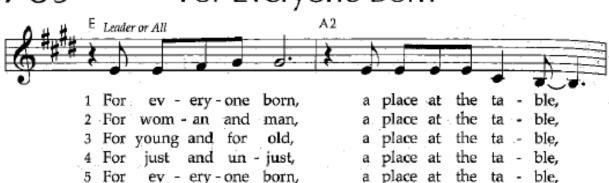


O for a Closer Walk with God 739



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For Everyone Born





for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter bread. re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, a part in a voice to be heard. the song, a - bused, a - bus - er, with need to for give, and sim - ply live with - out fear, be, to



shel - ter. space, a safe place for grow - ing, а with wis-dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, the hands of in hands that child wrin - kled, are an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set in mer - cv, of to wit - ness and wor - ship, work, to speak out, to



o - ver-head, for ev - ery - one born, star for wom - an and man, tem that's fair, svs a for young and for old, the right tο be - long, just and un - just, new to live. а way ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,



and God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice and



