

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of grace, you come to us in holiness and splendor,  
and grant us grace that we have not earned.  
You give us your deep compassion, and we feel unworthy.  
Jesus calls us to work by his side,  
and we know we are not good enough.  
But you touch us with the flame of your love,  
and call us, and remind us that we are your Beloved.  
Speak to us now, God, remind us again, and call us to your work,  
in the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

The Chosen Tune

Herbert Howells

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

You call us, O Christ, to live as your disciples,  
**with new life, by way of new paths,  
seeking new ways.**

In your call toward deep waters,  
**grant us faith.**

In your command not to fear,  
**grant us courage.**

In your invitation to follow,  
**grant us surrender.**

Restore to us the joy of living as your disciples,  
**that we might travel with you  
in the way of miracle. Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Hymnal, No. 1

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray together:

**Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways  
we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for  
the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for  
more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our  
divisions. The world is full of violence, from the macro to the micro.  
Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God,  
our hope. Hear our silent confessions now.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

This is good news!

**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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

Page No. 553

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

**before the gods I sing your praise;**

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

**for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me,

**you increased my strength of soul.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

**for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

**for great is the glory of the Lord.**

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;

**but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

**you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**

you stretch out your hand,

**and your right hand delivers me.**

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

**your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.**

**Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

ANTHEM

Canon of Praise

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

Page No. 836

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Ordinary People Like Us

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

When Peace Like a River

Hymnal, No. 840

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's sovereign love is a mystery  
beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God  
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving  
sinful men and women.  
The power of God's love in Christ  
to transform the world  
discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator  
who made all things  
to serve the purpose of God's love.**  
*(from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**

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

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

Hymnal, No. 69

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Lobe den Herren"

Gordon Young

\*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 February 16: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for February are soup and crackers. **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.

**Join us for a potluck lunch on February 16, after worship, following the delicious meal, we will have our annual congregational meeting.** This meeting is extra important as we will be looking at our congregations future. Members and non-members are welcome and encouraged to come.

# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - - - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

## Refrain

It is well with my soul;  
 It is well with my soul;

it is well; it is well with my soul.

## I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.