



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2014

*Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship.  
Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*You opened your mouth and uttered a word  
and creation sprang forth in abundance.*

*Let us open our mouths in praise,  
that we may bear fruit in every season  
and be satisfied by your goodness,  
for you, O God are the source of all growth,  
your grace abounds forever. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord  
(On Eagles' Wings)*

John Carter

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Like a seed planted in good soil,

**the word of God does not return empty.**

Let anyone with ears listen!

**The word of God will bear good fruit.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Patient and persistent God,  
we come, polished and presentable,  
to this comfortable room  
as if we knew what to expect,  
as if this were a safe and predictable place,  
as if we could simply observe.  
Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations.  
In the mystery of your love, overshadow us.  
Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts  
until we bloom and spill with your passion  
to serve in a world that is wasting. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*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 Be to the Father*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-11

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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ANTHEM

*Make Me a Channel Of Your Peace*  
Trio: Charlotte Lovett, Tracy Evans, Michael Yeager

MESSAGE

*Seeds and Soil*

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH      *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What do you understand  
by the providence of God?

**The almighty and ever present power of God  
by which God upholds, as with his hand,  
heaven  
and earth  
and all creatures,  
and so rules them that  
leaf and blade,  
rain and drought,  
fruitful and lean years,  
food and drink,  
health and sickness,  
prosperity and poverty—  
all things, in fact,  
come to us  
not by chance  
but by his fatherly hand.**

*Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q27*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Response) ...Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision*

Dale Wood

\*DOXOLOGY      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	450
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Fugue in C major</i>	J. S. Bach

\*Those who are able may stand.

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 July 20: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

**The Urban Mission item** of the month for July is **cereal**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

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

**Ushers** for today's service are Paul and Erica Phelps.

Make plans to attend the **Ice Cream Social** next Sunday, July 20, from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M. The Fellowship & Hospitality committee will provide the ice cream; you are invited to bring your favorite toppings to share, as well as your favorite game to enjoy with others.

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Panama. We give thanks for those who, like Christ, have endured humiliation, torture and death because of their embodiment of love, freedom and justice; and for continuing efforts by the church, civil governments, the UN and other agencies to create an enduring culture of peace. We pray for people who live with the hard realities of persistent poverty, hunger, malnutrition, homelessness and unemployment; for farm workers and indigenous peoples, who are endangered by the loss of their lands and livelihoods, and those already displaced; for street children, especially in urban areas; and for women exploited in jobs where they are often treated as slaves.

**SUNDAY**

**July 13**

- 9:30 A.M. – Intergenerational Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**TUESDAY**

**July 15**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session meeting

**SUNDAY**

**July 20**

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- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
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