



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 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

*Life-changing God, you have touched us
and transformed us
to reach out to all who hunger for
what only you can give.
Keep our feet in your paths
and bless us to multiply blessings to others,
through Jesus Christ
our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 33 in D Major—Allegro

Joseph Haydn

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

**O God who fed the multitudes with but a few loaves and some fish,
feed us now with the abundance of what You freely offer,
that we might overflow with Your goodness right where we live.
All this we pray in the name of, and because of,
Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Fight the Good Fight

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**O Lord our God, we confess
that we do not reflect your glory.
You bless us so generously,
but we deny your blessing to others.
You provide for us so richly,
but we are slow to share your gifts.
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives
by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
so that we may proclaim with gratitude
the great abundance of your love,
to the glory of your holy name.**

*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 9:1-5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Matthew 14:13-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

Guide My Feet

MESSAGE

The Miracle of Sharing

Dave Iske

*SONG OF FAITH	<i>Open Your Ears, O Faithful People</i>	453
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed		Hymnal, p. 35
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS ...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 35
THE OFFERING OFFERTORY	<i>Fight the Good Fight</i>	David Schack
*DOXOLOGY DEDICATION PRAYER	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	606

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	<i>O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go</i>	833
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises</i>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>Praeludium in C Major</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude

*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 August 10: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

The Urban Mission item of the month for August is **hygiene products** (toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, etc.). 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 members of the Upton family.

The final **Intergenerational Sunday School** experience of the summer will be August 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome.

We will have a **yard sale** on Saturday, August 16, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, for the benefit of the youth Camps and Conferences fund. Donna Vint is organizing the event; volunteers are needed to sort items beforehand, as well as on the day of the sale. Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the Kids' Club room; organizers will be available on Sunday, August 10 and Wednesday, August 13. Please pre-mark your donated items with prices, as this will save the sale organizers a good deal of time.

Attention, all students and teachers! Be sure to worship with us on August 17—we will have a **Blessing of the Backpacks** as the school year gets underway. Bring your backpack, book bag, laptop, tablet, or whatever symbolizes your school experience!

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 Canada and the USA. We give thanks for religious liberty and pluralism, and for numerous and diverse faith communities; for constitutional democracy, political stability and the rule of law; and for the tremendous development of economic potential and technology, leading to unprecedented standards of living. We pray especially for the healing of division in the church and for wisdom to discern God's will for the church today; for those who often do not see God's hand at work in the church and have recoiled from religion; for spiritual renewal and rededication amid an increasingly secular and materialistic culture; and for a renewed commitment to liberty, justice, peace, equity, and opportunity for all people.

SUNDAY**August 3**

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

MONDAY**August 4**

- 6:30 P.M. – Worship & Music meeting

TUESDAY**August 5**

- 7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality meeting

THURSDAY**August 7**

- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY**August 10**

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