



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Almighty God,
whose compassion embraces everyone,
gather the outcast and the lost,
heal the wounds of fear and distrust,
and make us a community of reconciliation
that we may embody your merciful love
and rejoice in your astounding grace
in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* Kenton Coe

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship God in joy!

**The house of the Lord will be
a house of prayer for all peoples.**

How good it is to live in unity.

**This is the blessing of the Lord:
life forevermore.**

*SONG OF PRAISE *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Almighty God,
we gratefully acknowledge that you have not dealt with us
according to what we deserve, but according to your mercy.
Yet we have forgotten your great mercy to us,
and have taken for granted your many blessings.
By that same mercy, forgive our ingratitude,
and extend again your kindness toward us.
Fill us with your Spirit, so that in all our words and actions
we may glorify you, fully enjoying your goodness
and sharing that goodness with the world around us,
to the glory and honor of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*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

Blessing of the Backpacks

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-15

Page No. 40

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 67

O God, Show Mercy to Us

Hymn 341

Matthew 15:21-28

Page No. 849

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come as a Child

MESSAGE

Crumbs and Challenges

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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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.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Response)...Lord help us. **We trust in you.**
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Wilbur Held

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Help Us Accept Each Other*

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare on McKee

Charles Callahan

*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.

Following worship, please stay for a simple **reception** in the narthex and hallway. Organized by the Fellowship & Hospitality committee, it will give us an opportunity to greet one another and get to know each other a little better.

Lectionary Readings for August 24: Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

The Urban Mission item of the month for August is **hygiene products**. 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 Tim and Jona Thiessen.

Today the **library adult Sunday school class** begins a new study series examining overtures considered at the General Assembly this past June in Detroit, Michigan. They covered a wide range of topics, including same sex marriage, divestment, social justice issues, peace initiatives, and the 1967 Belhar Confession. The purpose of the study is to encourage critical thinking on each topic, and to understand how our denomination is connecting our faith with issues that have an impact on the lives of people. The first topic-on the 17th and 24th-is the recommended change in the Book of Order regarding how marriage is to be defined. New participants are encouraged to join in on the discussion, which will be held in our Library room. This series will continue into the Fall church school schedule.

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 Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. We give thanks for the amazing diversity of these islands in the Pacific; for fish, oysters, deep blue waters, and those who know how to live in harmony with the sea; for the strong presence of the church in these nations; for welcoming smiles; for communities that take care of one another. We pray for those affected by earthquakes, volcanic activity and cyclones; for the rights of indigenous peoples throughout these islands; for an end to political unrest, violence and ethnic tensions; for an end to political corruption and crime; for those who are impoverished and hungry, those who are unable to find employment or to make a living, and those who are unable to attend school.

SUNDAY

August 17

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Reception
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

MONDAY

August 18

- 6:00 P.M. – Personnel Committee Meeting

TUESDAY

August 19

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

THURSDAY

August 21

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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