



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*From the beginning until now, loving God,
we have turned away from you,
following lesser ways,
pursuing a lesser life
than the life offered to us in Christ.
Yet you will not abandon us.
You call out, warning and wooing us
to turn, to return to you.
Even when we fall away
from brothers and sisters in the church,
you remain present with us.
Help us to love as you love—wholeheartedly—
until we are reconciled to you
and to our neighbor.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Charles Callahan

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus has promised us:

I am with you when you gather in my name.

We rejoice in the presence of the Lord.

Now is the time to wake from sleep.

Now our salvation is near!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin.
We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts.
We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors' needs.
Forgive us; liberate us!
Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn?

**Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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 Be to the Father

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 18:15-20

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MESSAGE	<i>Reconciled and Reconciling</i>	Tracy L. Evans
*COMMUNION SONG	<i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i>	529
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed		Hymnal, p. 34
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 35
THE OFFERING OFFERTORY	<i>Brethren, We Have Met to Worship</i>	Dale Wood
*DOXOLOGY DEDICATION PRAYER	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	606

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM *One Bread, One Body*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Sonata in G major—Andante

W. A. Mozart

Vince Leseney will be performing in the **Christmas Show** at the Civic Center on Saturday, December 6, at 2:00 P.M. This program is part of the OKC Philharmonic's family holiday tradition. We hope to have a church group in attendance to be supportive of Vince. The plan is to meet in Bricktown for lunch, and then attend the concert. If you would like to share in this experience, please contact Terry Cast at 329-3640, so that we can order the tickets, which will cost \$40.00 each.

Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse among our young people (both adolescents and adult children). For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: www.ParentsHelpingParents.info.

SUNDAY

September 7

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School Kickoff
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Communion
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship meeting

WEDNESDAY

September 10

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting

THURSDAY

September 11

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

September 14

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