



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2014

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*You formed the universe in your wisdom,  
and created all things by your power.*

*You set us in families on the earth to live with you in faith.*

*We praise you for good gifts of bread and wine,  
and for the table you spread in the world  
as a sign of your love for all people in Christ.*

GATHERING SONGS	<i>Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!</i> (Cameroon)	390
	<i>Come All You People (Uyai mose)</i> (Zimbabwe)	388
	<i>Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore</i> (Spain)	721

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, people of God!  
Celebrate the life within you,  
and Christ's presence in your midst.

**Our eyes shall be opened!**

**The present will have new meaning**

**and the future will be bright with hope.**

Rejoice, people of God!

Bow your heads before the one who is our wisdom and our strength.

**We place ourselves before our God**

**that we may be touched and cleaned**

**by the power of God's Spirit.**

I. Wayan Mastra, Bali

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*  
(Jamaican melody)

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Holy God,  
giver of peace,  
author of truth,  
we confess that we are divided  
and at odds with one another,  
that a bad spirit has risen among us  
and set us against your Holy Spirit of peace and love.  
Take from us the mistrust, party spirit, contention,  
and all evil that now divides us.  
Work in us a desire of reconciliation,  
so that, putting aside personal grievances,  
we may go about your business with a single mind,  
devoted to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Adapted from a prayer from Zaire

\*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*  
(Peru)

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION: PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SUNG PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*  
(Hasidic melody)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Psalm 19:1-4b, 7-14

Lucy Lanning, cantor

Saint Meinrad



Heav-en and earth tell your glo - ry, al - might - y God.

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Matthew 21:33-46

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The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*Life in the Vineyard*

Tracy L. Evans

ANTHEM

*Kuimbe Asante*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE OFFERING *Please bring your offering forward to place in the clay pot.*

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

(Solomon Siyakisa Mlambo, Zimbabwe;  
translation by Jeffrey Phillips)

### **SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

COMMUNION SONG

*Bread of Life from Heaven*

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(New words for a Sanctus from Argentina)

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. Hosanna in the highest.**

...We proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

...Where there is lack of regard for your creation,  
**prod us to speak up.**

Where people fail to see the dignity of all persons,  
**open blind eyes.**

Where there is silence about others being hurt,  
**impassion us with a desire for justice.**

Lord, your creation groans under abuse.  
**Renew the earth with goodness.**

Your children are starving across this globe.

To those who hunger  
**give bread.**

And to those who have bread  
**give hunger for justice.**

People languish in prisons,  
some unjustly,  
some without repentance,  
and some for standing up for your Way.

**Release the captives, Lord.**

O God, our Sovereign, leaders in all lands  
take bribes and afflict their peoples.

**Topple oppressive powers with your rule  
and send the rich empty away.**

Your church luxuriates in the comfort of faith;  
**send us to be your servants in service to the world.**

The sick suffer forgotten in pain;  
**heal their hurts in body, mind, and spirit.**

People have solicited our prayers,  
and others needing our prayers weigh heavy on our hearts.  
So we offer these prayers to you:

*(name those for whom you are in intercession before God)*

Gather all these prayers and praise and join them with those of all the saints and with our Great High Priest who taught us to pray, saying...

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

(or using the language closest to your heart)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION SONG      *Come to the Table of Grace*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*  
(South Africa)

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

George MacLeod, Iona, Scotland

This is the day that God has made;

**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

We will not offer to God

**offerings that cost us nothing.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord;

**we will seek peace and pursue it.**

Glory to the Creator and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

**as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona*  
(South Africa)

\*POSTLUDE

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

Dale Wood

\*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 October 12: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

**The Urban Mission item** of the month for October is **peanut butter**. 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 Trudy Beard and Linda Eckel.

**Communion servers** for today's service are Mike & Joan Cole and Mike & Karen Girdner.

Join us this afternoon from 4:00-5:00 P.M. for a **Pet Blessing** in the west courtyard. All pets are welcome but must be secured on a leash or in a cage. Alternatively, you may bring a photo of your pet. Refreshments will be served.

**Kids' Club** will not meet on October 8 or October 15.

**Parents Helping Parents** will meet on Thursday, October 9 at 7 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: [www.ParentsHelpingParents.info](http://www.ParentsHelpingParents.info)

We will hold a **congregational meeting** on Sunday, October 12, immediately following worship, to vote on the new officer nominations which the Nominating Committee has prepared. The nominees for Elders are: Jessica Farris, Kirk Forthman and Mike Girdner (Class of 2017). The nominees for Deacons are: Donna Vint (Class of 2016); Doris Hinson, Esau Jangha, and Joan Thraikill (Class of 2017). If you intend to nominate anyone else, please be sure to get their permission first.

This year's **CROP Walk** will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19, starting with 1:30 P.M. registration at Food and Shelter Inc., 104 W. Comanche. MPC members will have an opportunity to sign up for the walk and receive sponsor envelopes beginning this Sunday and each week preceding the event. CROP Walk is a program of Church World Service, a cooperative ministry of 36 denominations providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries. Twenty-five percent of funds raised locally stay here in Norman to benefit Food and Shelter Inc., a non-profit agency that provides free meals and temporary family housing to those in need. Last year's local walk raised nearly \$18,000, and organizers have set a goal of raising \$20,000 for 2014. Each walker who raises a minimum of \$100 will receive a free T-shirt on the day of the walk. By participating in CROP Walk, we are walking in solidarity with those who must walk miles every day for such basic necessities as food, water or medical care. We urge every member of Memorial to support CROP Walk through their prayers and participation—whether as a walker or as a sponsor.

**Sunday Matinee at the Movies** will be postponed to the October 26, because of a scheduling conflict with the annual CROP Walk. Depending upon availability of films on the 26th, we will be seeing one of three films: The Judge, a comedy/drama which stars

Robert Downey Jr. and Robert Duval; The Good Lie, a documentary about the lost children of Sudan; or Men, Women, and Children, a comedy/drama about parents attempting to deal with the effects of social media on family relationships. If you have a preference, please inform Harry Wright or the church office ahead of time.

The **All Saints' service** will be Sunday, November 2. We invite you to write the names of people who are or have been saints in your life on a white cloth that will cover the communion table during this service. The cloth will be made available for signing in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays in October. Following the All Saints' service will be the annual memorial service at the Columbarium for the remembrance of those there inurned.

**SUNDAY**

**October 5**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Communion
- 12:00 P.M. – Special Meeting of Session
- 4:00 P.M. – Blessing of Pets

**WEDNESDAY**

**October 8**

- NO KIDS' CLUB
- 7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting

**THURSDAY**

**October 9**

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

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**Stewardship Update**

January 1 to September 30, 2014

	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	\$102,268.53	\$107,989.47	\$143,986.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$17,640.05	\$39,661.47	\$52,882.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$119,908.58	\$147,650.94	\$196,868.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$136,350.38	\$147,649.32	\$196,868.00