



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2015

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Holy God, in baptism you have named and claimed us as your own.*

*We belong to you in life and in death.*

*In the midst of our trouble, your love comforts and cares for us.*

*We offer our praise and adoration to you and to our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*  
Michael Yeager, pianist

arr. Stephen Nielsen

### SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,  
"plans for welfare and not for calamity  
to give you a future and a hope". - Jeremiah 29:11 (NASB)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us put aside our boasting, our strutting,  
cease our posturing and threats.

Let us come before God with contrite and quiet hearts  
to hear and worship the Prince of Peace and the God of Love.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*O Day of Peace*  
JERUSALEM

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Samson Prabhakar, India

As the hunted deer for the river longs,  
For the God of Peace alone we sing,  
Like a dry parched land athirst for rain,  
For the God of Peace we deeply yearn.

RESPONSE            *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*            103, v. 1

Where can we find the peace we've sought?  
Too long, we've planned, discussed, and fought;  
Blessed our children, beyond our feuds,  
They point in play to that world of peace.

RESPONSE            *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*            103, v. 2

Given us now a clear peace-sign,  
Yet wrapped in peasant rags this Child;  
Here, Peace breaks in, in love compels;  
O show us now your light of peace.

RESPONSE            *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*            103, v. 4

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sri Lanka

**Eternal God,  
we confess to you our sinfulness.  
You made the world a paradise  
but we have turned our lands into  
places of tears and unhappiness.  
People are fighting with each other  
race against race.  
The holocaust of chauvinism  
sweeps through countries  
devouring humanity  
terrorizing us into submission.**

**Liberating One  
Free us from all bondage  
so that our faith in you  
will make us free  
to create with courage  
a new world—  
new societies.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, Have Mercy

J. Janzen

First time: Cantor

Second time: All

Musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison. The first line of music is in 3/4 time and contains the lyrics: "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son,". The second line of music contains the lyrics: "Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, e-le-i-son. son." and includes first, second, and third endings marked with "1, 2" and "3".

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*THE PEACE

...The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Having tasted his goodness, let us share his peace.

\*RESPONSE

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

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(Give Us Peace)

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

FINEST WHEAT

Musical notation for the Prayer for Understanding. The first line of music is in 3/4 time and contains the lyrics: "You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;". The second line of music contains the lyrics: "Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat." and is marked "Fine".

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:6-7

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 103:8-13

J. Berthier

The following refrain is repeated indefinitely while musicians add other melodies.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

SECOND READING

James 3:13-18

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*SONG OF FAITH

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

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\*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:8-10

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

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RESPONSE

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

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Sing once.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

Emma Lou Diemer

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

## INTERCESSION FOR HEALING

God, our creator, your will for us and for all your people  
is health and salvation:

**have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life  
and have it in abundance:

**have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of your presence:

**have mercy on us.**

To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, let us offer our  
prayers.

For all who are in need of healing,

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all who are disabled by injury or illness,

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all who are troubled by confusion or pain,

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all whose increasing years bring weariness,

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all about to undergo surgery,

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all who cannot sleep,

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
For all who practice the healing arts,

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

*Please come forward to the anointing station.*

#### ANTHEM

*Creation Will Be At Peace* A. L. Page

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.*

*The wolf will lie down with the lamb,  
the cow and bear will feed,  
their young will play together;  
a little child will lead.*

*The leopard and goat will graze,  
the lion will feed on straw,  
They will war no more;  
a child will lead them all.*

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

#### SENDING

#### BENEDICTION

#### \*SENDING SONG

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* 753

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

#### \*POSTLUDE

*Fugue in C major, BWV 547* 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 April 26: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for April 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 Tim and Jona Thiessen.

We are scheduled to have our **locks rekeyed** on Wednesday, April 22. New A1 and A2 church keys will be available from the church office once the work is done.

The Deacons will host a **wedding shower** for Holly (Forsyth) McClure and her husband Matt on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 P.M. Holly and Matt are registered at Dillard's and Target. The Deacons will also host a wedding shower for Corey Fisher and her fiancé Tanner Smith at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 25. Corey and Tanner are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

Westminster Presbyterian Church (OKC) requests the honor of your presence for the **installation** of the Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas as Pastor/Head of Staff on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 P.M., to be followed by a reception in the Payne Garden Court.

Save the date for Memorial's **50th Anniversary** Celebration Luncheon following a special worship service on Sunday, May 24. If you are in contact with former members who would like to be a part of the celebration, either in person or by a remembrance card, please contact Jona Thiessen at [jthiessen2@att.net](mailto:jthiessen2@att.net) and we will gladly add them to our invitation list. The 50th Anniversary Committee is seeking direct donations from the congregation to cover the expense of the celebration. If you would like to contribute, simply mark your donation "50th Anniversary Celebration". There is no specific line item in our budget for the party, so anything received will be greatly appreciated!

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 Djibouti, and Somalia. We give thanks for those who continue to serve others in the midst of great difficulty; for Christian aid agencies, who do not give up on Somalia, even when they are exposed to frequent danger; for Christians who persevere in spite of being a tiny minority; for each small sign of progress towards reestablishing a government in Somalia. We pray for peace in Somalia and that clan and military leaders would repent of the devastation they have caused to the land and its peoples; for hundreds of thousands of Somali refugees all over the world, and refugees from Eritrea and Ethiopia who have fled to Djibouti; for those suffering from malnutrition and facing starvation; for those who have no clean water to drink, and who suffer with otherwise preventable diseases and infections.

**SUNDAY**

**April 19**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 2:00 P.M. – Wedding Shower for Holly Forsyth
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

**TUESDAY**

**April 21**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**April 22**

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

**THURSDAY**

**April 23**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

**SATURDAY**

**April 25**

- 2:00 P.M. – Wedding Shower for Corey Fisher

**SUNDAY**

**April 26**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Worship & Music Meeting