



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday in Easter

May 3, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*O God, form the minds
of your faithful people into a single will.
Make us love what you command
and desire what you promise,
that, amid all the changes of this world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Soon I Will Be Done

arr. Calvin Taylor

*"Soon I will be done wid de troubles ob de world;
goin' home to live wid God."*

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing, and give praise to God's name;

tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Fight the Good Fight

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DUKE STREET

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

*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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:2-5

Page No. 980

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 12:1-15

Page No. 1052

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God and God Alone
Vince Leseney, soloist

Phill McHugh

MESSAGE

Running the Race

Harry Wright

*SONG OF FAITH

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Charles Callahan

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Seek to Become a Beacon of Hope

*POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C major

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 Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for May 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 Bre Upton and Trey Neal.

The **Mission and Evangelism** committee is collecting craft items for the Center for Children and Families (CCFI) to use in their summer program. If you can help, please check the sign in the hallway for more information.

You are invited to Memorial Presbyterian Church's **50th Anniversary Celebration** on Sunday, May 24 from 10:55 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Please join us as we welcome old friends and new for a very special worship service of praise, music and remembrance, followed by a luncheon in celebration of Memorial's first 50 years! If you plan to attend, PLEASE reply before May 20 to mempres1@sbcglobal.net or by calling 329-3640.

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 Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda. We give thanks for those working to make peace agreements benefit the Sudanese people; for those refugees able to return home; for those taking care of refugees, and for international aid organizations; for peace-makers working to find solutions to Sudan's divisions; for those who strive to end the civil war in Uganda; and for the commitment of the Ugandan government to control the AIDS epidemic. We pray for an end to the bombing of innocent civilians by the Sudanese government; for a just solution to the conflicts between the Sudan and South Sudan; for those divided by civil wars and violence between ethnic and religious groups; for refugees in and near Darfur; for groups such as the Bantu, Melut and Adariyal who have been displaced from their villages due to the oil research in their areas; for an end to corruption in public offices, so that governments can better serve their people and public funds benefit the many

and not just the few; for those suffering from HIV and AIDS, particularly children who have been orphaned by the disease; for Uganda and its neighbors achieving an open partnership for lasting peace and an end to the violence perpetrated by the LRA.

SUNDAY

May 3

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

TUESDAY

May 5

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

WEDNESDAY

May 6

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

May 7

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SUNDAY

May 10

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