



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2015

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Living God, your Word is holy and true.  
In Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,  
you have made your name known to us.  
Protect us from the power of evil,  
sanctify us in the truth of Christ,  
and make us one in the Holy Spirit,  
so that your joy may be complete in us;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Blessed Assurance*

Emma Lou Diemer

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who trust in the Lord;  
**they are like trees, planted by the water.**  
Happy are those who believe in Christ;  
**they will have the gift of everlasting life.**  
Let us worship God.

Lucy Lanning, Elder

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*  
ASSURANCE

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of all hope and joy, we confess  
that we continue to live in fear.  
You invite us to share in Christ's ministry,  
but we ignore the calling of our baptism.  
You allow us to share in Christ's own life,  
but we fail to believe this good news.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Protect us, for we belong to you.  
Sanctify us in your truth  
that our hope and joy may be complete;  
through 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 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

1 John 5:9-13

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Page No. 1067

Psalm 1

*How Happy Are the Saints of God*

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WAREHAM

John 17:6-19

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Morning Has Broken*

Children's Choir

MESSAGE

*The Other Lord's Prayer*

Tracy L. Evans

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What is the nature of resurrection hope?

**Resurrection hope is a hope  
for the transformation of this world,  
not a hope for escape from it.  
It is the hope that evil in all its forms  
will be utterly eradicated,  
that past history will be redeemed,  
and that all the things that ever were  
will be made new.**

**It is the hope of a new creation,  
a new heaven and a new earth,  
in which God is really honored as God,  
human beings are truly loving,  
and peace and justice reign on earth.**

*Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 85*

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Elvira Sama

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Prelude on WAREHAM*

Healey Willan

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG

*Be Still, My Soul*  
FINLANDIA

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

*Fugue in G major, BWV 541*

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 May 24: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15.

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 Lucy Lanning and Charlotte Lovett.

**Contribution statements** for the period January 1 – April 30, 2015 are available in the narthex following today's service. Please help us save a stamp by taking yours home today.

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](mailto: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 Malawi and Zambia. We give thanks for democratic multiparty politics in Malawi and Zambia, and peaceful transitions of leadership; for rich agricultural land and environment; for the growth of the church; for Christians who stand by the poor and hungry; for those who proclaim God's will for justice; for those who work for the cancellation of the burden of international debt that brings poverty and death to many Africans; and for good humor and those who can laugh in the face of grave problems. We pray for the democratic governments in Malawi and Zambia, that they may work for the welfare and development of the nation, irrespective of party affiliation; for those suffering from AIDS, and government efforts to combat the AIDS pandemic; for a sufficient supply of medical personnel, equipment and drugs in government hospitals and health centers; for victims of floods and drought, that food production may again flourish; for the increasing numbers of school drop-outs, street youth and delinquents, that they may find hope and meaning in their lives; and for those affected by inflation and unemployment, that they may find work and be able to feed their families.

**SUNDAY**

**May 17**

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

**TUESDAY**

**May 19**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**May 20**

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

**THURSDAY**

**May 21**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds Meeting

**SUNDAY**

**May 24**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon