

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017

See the Spirit. Share the hope of the resurrection.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Lord God, Great I Am,
You are resurrection and life. As we worship you this day
help us see who we are: bearers of good news, messengers of resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Joyous Light of Glory

John Behnke

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits; and in the word of the Lord I hope.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**O Lord, if you held our sin against us,
who could live, who could stand?
we seem to have more faith in death
than hope in your promise of life.
We seek peace through war
and find security in weapons.
We abandon the hungry, sick and dying,
and pursue wealth by making others poor.
And even so, you love us:
still there is forgiveness with you!
Therefore we worship you:
for you alone, O Lord,
can save us from death
and redeem us from our sin.**

(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*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 *In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.* 468
 In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
 (Sing twice)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Kirk Forthman

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14 Page No. 704
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 130 Page No. 500
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11: 1 – 45 Page No. 873
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Raised Up Tracy L. Evans

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church
a the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God
and with one another.**

**We believe that unity is, therefore,
both a gift and an obligation
for the church of Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that,
through the working of God's Spirit,
it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality
which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God
must continually be built up to attain.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Draw Me Nearer

arr. Robert D. Vandall

*DOXOLOGY

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give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION SONG

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

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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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

According to his commandment:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* 286

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Abide With Us*

*POSTLUDE *Toccata on a Lenten Theme* Stanley Westen

*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 9: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;
Matthew 21:1-11

The Urban Mission item of the month for **April** is **Soup**. Please place your donations in the box in the hall.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

The Norman Ministerial Fellowship is hosting its annual Lenten series. On Wednesday, April 5, First Baptist Church will host the worship and lunch, which begins at noon. Guest Pastor, Margaret Kennell, Salvation Army will give the sermon. A \$5 donation is suggested for the lunch.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances the **Messenger will be delayed** and should be out on Monday.

Cameroonian Orphanage Clothing Drive

One way that our church can help kids affected by unrest in Cameroon right now is by providing clothing. A large box is in the coat area as you enter the sanctuary from now thru May. Gently used or new clothing for all ages of children would be appreciated. Have fun looking for bargains and in closets!

If you would like to **donate individually wrapped candy for Easter Sunday's Egg hunt** (small enough to fit in a plastic egg) please bring it to the church Office.

SUNDAY **April 2**
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service- Communion

WEDNESDAY **April 5**
3:15 p.m. – Kids' Club
4:00 p.m. – Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

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

