

Memorial Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Service of Peace

April 30, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.
If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.*
-Lao-Tse

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Peace May Be Exchanged* Dan Locklair

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us pray to the risen Lord for Christians and all people on Earth:
Grant us Your peace!

Grant us Your peace!

Grant the blessing of peace to the nations.

Grant us Your peace!

Sustain those who are working for the visible unity of Your church.

Grant us Your peace!

Look upon those whom You have called to shepherd Your flock.

Grant us Your peace!

Strengthen the love between spouses.

Grant us Your peace!

Bring reconciliation within families, neighborhoods and societies.

Grant us Your peace!

Lord, stand in our midst and grant us unity and peace, You who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE O For a World 372

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Eternal God we confess that we have not been peacemakers but have sought our own good rather than the good of our neighbor. We confess that we have not been agents of your goodness and grace but have looked out for our own interests rather than the interests of others. Gracious God, forgive us, your beloved children in the name of Jesus, extend to us your reconciling peace. May we yearn for peace within our homes, neighborhoods, city, state, nation and world. May this desire bear fruit in our lives through initiatives of love. Through the work of your son, Jesus, make us blessed peacemakers so that we might be called children of God. May our light of making peace upon the earth so shine before people that they might see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

(Time of silent reflection)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace!

Thanks be to God!

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

Come and Fill Our Hearts (sung twice)

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:14-20

Page No. 950

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 133

O Look and Wonder

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John 14:25-27

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Passing the Peace

Tracy L. Evans

***SONG OF FAITH**

O Day of Peace

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God's
life-giving Word and Spirit
has conquered the powers
of sin and death,
and therefore also
of irreconciliation and hatred,
bitterness and enmity,
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
will enable the church to live
in a new obedience
which can open new possibilities of life
for society and the world.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prelude on St. Columba

Raymond Haan

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*DEDICATION PRAYER

ANTHEM

Take My Yoke Upon You

INTERCESSION FOR HEALING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 in 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 and 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

Sung Response	In God Alone <i>(Repeat)</i>	814 In
God alone my soul can find rest and peace, In God my peace and joy. Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.		

The Lord's Prayer	Hymnal, p.35
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FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	753
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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Go forth into the World with compassion and justice in your heart
 Give voice to the silent, strength to the weak.
 Hear one another, see one another,
 Care for one another and love one another.
 It's all that easy and it's all that hard.
 The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor
 and give you peace. **Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION	Dona Nobis Pacem
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*POSTLUDE

Lamb of God...Grant Us Your Peace

*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 7: Acts 7:42-47; Psalms 23; 1 Peter 2:19-35; John 10:1-10.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for May is Macaroni & Cheese. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

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

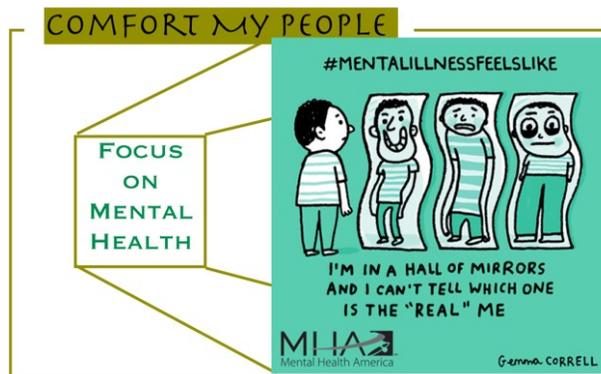
Ushers for today's service are Mike and Joan Cole.

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!

You are invited to our Envelope Fundraiser for our Camp and Conference Fund. Pick an envelope off the bulletin board in the hall.

Don't forget the **Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser** following worship **next Sunday, May 7.**



SUNDAY**April 30**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

TUESDAY**May 2**

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

7:00 P.M. – Presbytery Listening Session

WEDNESDAY**May 3**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY**May 7**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service- Communion

12:00 P.M. – Spaghetti Dinner