

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Rock of Israel and cornerstone of our common life,
you are not bound by our visions, our structures,
our doctrine.*

*We cannot predict your coming or going,
yet you have given us your story, your family,
your work to do.*

Meet us here.

*Shape us for service in your world,
for we carry the name of Jesus
and live by the power of your breath. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord

John Behnke

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Lovett

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Surely the Lord is in this place!

This is the house of God.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God,
your creatures cry—creation groans—
but we turn away;
we surround ourselves with noise.**

**We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.
It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.**

**Life-giving God,
wash us clean.**

**Restore our imaginations and our hearts.
Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins
until we love with abandon
and our hands reach out in blessing,
for the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.**

(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of 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

Glory Be to the Father

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-19

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prayer of Saint Gregory

Alan Hovhaness

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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MESSAGE

That's Strange Farming Advice

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

David Cherwien

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG For the Fruit of All Creation 36

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Rondo in G John Bull, arr. Richard Ellsasser

*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 July 30: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for July is **macaroni and 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 usher.

Ushers for today's service are Eileen Burke and Lucy Lanning.

VBS will be July 24-27, 6-8pm. Please invite children in your life to join us for a week with Abundance Orchard.

- SUNDAY** **July 23**
 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- MONDAY** **July 24**
 6:00 P.M. – VBS
- TUESDAY** **July 25**
 6:00 P.M. – VBS
- WEDNESDAY** **July 26**
 6:00 P.M. – VBS
- THURSDAY** **July 27**
 6:00 P.M. – VBS
- SUNDAY** **July 30**
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COMFORT MY PEOPLE

FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

Want to Know How to Help a Friend?

STUDENT GUIDE TO MENTAL HEALTH

KNOW THE 10 COMMON WARNING SIGNS

<p>1 Feeling very sad or withdrawn for more than two weeks</p> <p>2 Seriously trying to harm or kill oneself or making plans to do so</p> <p>3 Severe out-of-control, risk-taking behaviors</p> <p>4 Sudden overwhelming fear for no reason</p> <p>5 Not eating, throwing up or using laxatives to lose weight; significant weight loss or weight gain</p>	<p>6 Seeing, hearing or believing things that are not real</p> <p>7 Repeatedly using drugs or alcohol</p> <p>8 Drastic changes in mood, behavior, personality or sleeping habits</p> <p>9 Extreme difficulty in concentrating or staying still</p> <p>10 Intense worries or fears that get in the way of daily activities</p>
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