

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Seed-planting, fish-netting,
bread-baking, pearl-hunting God,
you shape us into living parables.
Pray with your Spirit in us so that we may
understand our experiences as healing metaphors,
and become creative and abundant stewards
of the environment you entrusted to our love. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lord of the Dance

Shaker Tune

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our redeemer, we confess
that we remain captivated by sin.**

**We fail in our love for you,
forgetting your gracious acts.**

**We fail in our love for one another,
forsaking our neighbors in need.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(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 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Ross Robinson

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 29:15-28 Page No. 22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:26-39 Page No. 919

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Page No. 795

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Kingdom is Like... Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Thine Is the Glory 238

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God is the one
who wishes to bring about justice
and true peace among people.
We believe that God,
in a world full of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way
the God of the destitute,
the poor, and the wronged.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY God is Present arr. Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG God of the Fertile Fields 714

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Rondeau Jean Joseph Mouret

*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 August 6: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

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 Diana Johnson and Karen Upton .

SUNDAY July 30

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

WEDNESDAY August 2

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY August 6

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting

COMFORT MY PEOPLE

FOCUS
ON
MENTAL
HEALTH

Want to Know How to Help a Friend?

STUDENT GUIDE TO MENTAL HEALTH

START THE CONVERSATION

