

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God, whose fingers sculpt sun and moon
and curl the baby's ear;
Spirit, brooding over chaos
before the naming of day;
Savior, sending us to earth's ends
with water and words:
startle us with the grace, love, and communion
of your unity in diversity,
that we may live to the praise
of your majestic name. Amen..*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Voluntary on "Jefferson"

Dale Wood

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Jesus calls us to go and make disciples,

baptizing them in the triune name of God.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Let Us Build a House

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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 Melissa Gill

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-15

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133 O Look and Wonder Hymn 397

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

MESSAGE The Lesson of the Canaanite Woman Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Listen, God is Calling 456

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the triune God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects,
and cares for the church
through Word and Spirit.
This God has done
since the beginning of the world
and will do to the end.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Meditation

Stanley Westen

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Help Us Accept Each Other 754

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
 CHORAL BENEDICTION In Christ There is No East or West

*POSTLUDE Recessional C. S. Lang

*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 27: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for August 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 head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Carl and Julie Forthman.

MPC is collecting school supplies and non-perishable reasonably healthy snacks for Jackson Elementary, our neighborhood school. A list of needed supplies is in the hallway.

SUNDAY

August 20

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

WEDNESDAY

August 23

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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