

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of miracles and of mercy,  
all creation sings your praise.  
Like the vineyard owner,  
your grace is extravagant and unexpected.  
Lead us to repentance  
and the acceptance of your grace,  
that we may witness to your love,  
which embraces both those we call friend  
and those we call stranger. Amen.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                                      Morning has Broken                                      Dale Wood

## BRINGING THE LIGHT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.  
**Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.**  
Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE                                      Morning Has Broken                                      664

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of abundant goodness,  
we confess that we want your grace for ourselves  
but often wish punishment or exclusion on others.  
We judge the efforts and motives of others  
while ignoring the faults of our own.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
when we let jealousy overtake us.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
when we are petty even in the presence  
of your generosity.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
when we feel slighted by you.  
We ask once again for your mercy.  
Help us to be more merciful toward one another.  
We pray in the name of Christ Jesus,  
by whose grace we are saved.  
(Time of silent reflection)**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving,  
grace beyond our ability to earn it.

**God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ;  
therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people!  
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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING                      Jessica Farris

SCRIPTURE READING  
Jonah 3:10, 4:1-11                      Page No. 753  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM                      River in Judea

SCRIPTURE READING  
Matthew 20:1-16                      Page No. 801  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      The End of Solidarity                      Dwight Welch

\*SONG OF FAITH                      Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning                      350

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God  
brings justice to the oppressed  
and gives bread to the hungry.  
We believe that God  
frees the prisoner  
and restores sight to the blind.  
We believe that God  
supports the downtrodden,  
protects the stranger,  
helps orphans and widows,  
and blocks the path of the ungodly.**

*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Praise and Thanksgiving

Manfred Schlenker

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Processional

William Mathias

\*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 October 1: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for September is **toilet paper**. 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 Mike and Joan Cole.

**Sunday, October 1 is Worldwide Communion Sunday.** In addition to a special worship service, we will have an International Potluck. You are invited to bring a dish from another country as we celebrate brothers and sisters around the globe.

**Pet Blessing** bring your four-legged / winged / slithering family members to be blessed and introduce them to your Memorial family. This event will be held on **Sunday, October 8, 5:00 pm in the courtyard.**

**SUNDAY**

**September 24**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**September 27**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club  
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir  
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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