

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday in Pentecost

October 1, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O God, you created all people in your image.

We thank you for the astonishing variety
of races and cultures in this world.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship,
and show us your presence in those who differ most from us,
until our knowledge of your love is made perfect
in our love for all your children;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hal'luhu

arr. Charles Ore

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship together,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all children of the same Parent,

Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

We gather to reconnect with one another,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

We gather with different joys and sorrows,

different hopes and fears....

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

Let us open ourselves to the presence of God

at work in us, among us, and through us.

*SONG OF PRAISE

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You stand against injustice. You stand with the wronged.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You condemn those who seek their own interests, controlling and harming others.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.
You bring about justice and true peace among people.
God, forgive us when we do not follow you. Grant us your grace.
Embolden us that, as your people, we may stand where you stand.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another.

Thanks be to God for the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Melissa Gill

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ross Robinson

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 12:12-27

Page No. 933

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 3:16-17

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Gathered at the Table

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

In the Presence of Your People

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*LITANY FOR THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

For exploiter and exploited,
for persecutor and persecuted,
for criminal and victim,

God of perfect love, we pray.

As we pray, remove the fear
that makes us strident and vengeful
and take away the wooliness of thought
that makes us sentimental,

God of perfect love, we pray.

Give us clear eyes to see the world as it is
and ourselves and all people as we are;
but give us hope to go on believing
in what you intend us all to be.

God of perfect love, we pray.

We pray for children growing up
with no sense of beauty,
no feeling for what is good or bad,
no knowledge of you and your love in Christ.

God of perfect love, we pray.

We pray for men and women who have lost faith
and given up hope;
for governments who crush people's spirits
and for governments slow to act
in the cause of justice, freedom, and development.

God of perfect love, we pray.

We pray for the whole church and the world,
giving thanks for your goodness,
for our love made known in Christ,
for your truth confirmed in his death and resurrection
for your promises to us and to all people,
keeping hope alive.

Let us go back to our work and into our relationships

stimulated by hope,

strengthened by faith,

directed by love,

to play our part in the salvation of all people,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

—"Litany for the World We Live In," Algoa Regional Council (Eastern Cape, South Africa)
of the United Congregational Church in Cry Justice, John de Gruchy (Orbis Books, 1986).

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Santo Espiritu

Philip Blycker

*DOXOLOGY

Praise to God the Father

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Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-one.

Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.

Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF BREAD

ANTHEM

African Call to Peace (Senegalese)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.

God scatters life about the planet.

God scatters people across the globe.

God scatters disciples far and wide.

Like a shepherd, God gathers.

God gathers people in families.

God gathers people in communities.

God gathers people in the Church of Jesus Christ.

God gathers us at this table...

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Let us prepare our hearts.

We prepare them for the Lord.

Let us open our minds.

We open them for the Word.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We give thanks for the goodness of creation.

Creator God, in the beginning you put life into the emptiness, light into the darkness and saw that it was good.

We are created in your image to see good in the light.

You created people to live on the earth, to love and be loved, to care for this creation and be fruitful. And you saw it was good, very good.

We are created in your image to see good in each other.

And when we failed to praise you for a harvest of plenty, to obey your commands and care for the world that you put in our hands, you sent us Jesus to show us the way.

We are created in Christ's image to see good in the dark.

May this meal nourish us, strengthening us to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free.

Thank you, God, for inviting us to share in your mission to bring peace and abundant life to your creation. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand 832

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION May the Love of the Lord

*POSTLUDE Rondo in G
 Richard Ellsasser

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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 8: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for October is **canned vegetables (no corn)**. 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 Melissa Gill and Linda Eckel.

Communion servers for today's service are Lisa and Breanna Upton, Mike Girdner and Kirk Forthman.

Please join us for lunch following worship. Meal will include foods from around the world.

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.**

As a response to the multiple disasters that have occurred in the last months, the **Mission and Evangelism Committee is setting a goal of filling 10 buckets with clean-up supplies.** These will be packed and sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance distribution center in Little Rock for current and future disasters. In the hallway is a list of supplies needed; there is a sign up sheet in the hallway to avoid duplication of items. Each of the buckets has a donation value of \$75 and are priceless to those who receive them in their time of need.

SUNDAY

October 1

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – World Communion Service
12:00 P.M. – International Potluck

WEDNESDAY

October 4

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

SUNDAY

October 8

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