

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities. (Psalm 51:6-9)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Partita on "Ach, was soll ich Sünder machen?" Johann Pachelbel

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
The law of the Lord revives the soul;
the word of God makes the simple wise.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Restore in Us, O God

Hymnal, No. 434

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
You gave us your law to guide us,
but we seek the wisdom of the world.
You made us a temple of living stones,
but we dishonor the body of Christ.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Instruct us in our foolishness
and strengthen us in our weakness
so that we may be holy and whole;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

Lenten Gloria

TAKE ME AS I AM

John L. Bell MWYeager

Glo - ry to___ the Fa - ther, Glo - ry to___ the Son,

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Glo - ry to___ the___ Ho - ly Spir - it, A - - men.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

ANTHEM

Create in me a clean heart, O God

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-22

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

How the Tables Are Turned

Tracy L. Evans

SPECIAL MUSIC

Flora and Moume Ngom

Philippians 2:5-11

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience,
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith,
repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Johannes Brahms

*DOXOLOGY

Lenten Doxology

ST. FLAVIAN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here be-low, Praise
5 God a-bove ye heav'n-ly hosts, Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Hymnal, No. 514

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Hymnal, No. 394

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (sung)

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy, we may attain at last.

*POSTLUDE Partita, Variation 6 Johann Pachelbel

*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 March 11: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.

The **Food & Shelter in Norman** item of the month for March is **cereal**. 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 Karen Girdner.

The **Norman Ministerial Fellowship** is again hosting their Lenten Services each Wednesday at noon. There is a 30-minute worship service, with a community pastor preaching, followed by a lunch at 12:30, hosted by the church (a \$5 donation for the meal is suggested). **Memorial will be hosting the lunch on March 7 and we will be needing help!** If you can help on the day, or with the preparation that leads up to it, please let Donna Vint know! This is a great chance to open our doors to our community and let folks know about us.

SUNDAY **March 4**
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

MONDAY **March 5**
7:00 P.M. – Lent Bible Study

TUESDAY **March 6**
7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality meeting

WEDNESDAY **March 7**
11:30 A.M. – Lenten Service
3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY **March 8**
7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting

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