

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of
your deliverance.
(Psalm 51:10-14)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

John Behnke

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
The Lord of life is lifted up!
Let us look to him and live.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Hymnal, No. 792

*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.
We grumble and complain
when you have provided all we need.
We continue to walk in darkness
when you have given light to the world.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to trust in you
so that we may not perish
but may have eternal life;
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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Jo Beth Bailey

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21:4-9

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:14-21

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MESSAGE

The World God So Loves

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Hymnal, No. 417

*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

For the Healing of the Nations

Albert Beck

*DOXOLOGY

Lenten Doxology

ST. FLAVIAN

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God all crea - tures 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

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

For the Healing of the Nations

Hymnal, No. 346

*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

Scherzoso

Josef Rheinberger

*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 18: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.

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 Ross Robinson and Jeff Roesel.

Easter is coming! We will have our annual potluck and egg hunt on Sunday, April 1 at 9:30am.

If you can **donate wrapped candy for our egg hunt**, please drop it off in the office by Wednesday, March 28.

Join the Norman community for midweek Lenten worship and lunch. This week's worship will be held at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church, 420 S. University Blvd. Michael East, pastor of First Presbyterian Church will preach.

SUNDAY **March 11**

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

MONDAY **March 12**

1:00 P.M. – Janice Crump Memorial Service
7:00 P.M. – Lent Bible Study

WEDNESDAY **March 14**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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