

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Loving God, help us to love others  
as Christ has loved us.  
Bring us into the spiritual joy  
of living our lives as your friend,  
and teach us to abide in your love,  
that we may show that love to the world. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      When in Our Music God is Glorified                      Wilbur Held

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

There is no greater love than this:

**to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE              Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing                      Hymnal, No. 475

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of all hope and joy, we confess  
that we continue to live in fear.**

**In Christ, you claim us as children,  
but we disobey your commands.**

**In Christ, you even call us friends,  
but we have not been faithful to you.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**By the power of your Spirit  
help us to abide in your love  
and share that love with others;  
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

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:44-48

Page No. 895

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

ANTHEM

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17

Page No. 878

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Choose Joy

Tracy L. Evans

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community  
in which people know  
that God loves and accepts them  
in spite of what they are.  
They therefore accept themselves  
and love others,  
knowing that no one has any ground  
on which to stand,  
except God's grace.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

With High Delight Let Us Unite

Charles Ore

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

COMMUNION SONG

For Everyone Born

Hymnal, No. 769

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 with all creation we sing your praise:

**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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**and all that is within me,  
bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**and forget not all God's benefits.**

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Will You Come and Follow Me

Hymnal, No. 726

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

And God Will Delight

\*POSTLUDE

Corrente Italiana

Juan Cabanilles

\*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 May 13: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for May is jelly or mac and cheese. 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 Jim and Linda Rodriguez.

We will be **celebrating the Graduates** Sunday, May 13 after worship.

You are invited to **wear a hat** on May 13th, Mothers Day.

There will be a **reception for the Bill and Norma Taylor** following worship on May 20th.

We will also hold a church-wide garage sale on **August 4th**, so start gathering those items that are ready to be loved by another family! More details to come.

**We have a new prayer chain!** Just send an email to MPCprayerchain@gmail.com with "Add Me" in the subject

**SUNDAY**

**May 6**

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

**TUESDAY**

**May 8**

6:00 P.M. – Mission and Evangelism Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**May 9**

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

**SUNDAY**

**May 13**

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10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service  
12:00 P.M. – Honoring the Graduates