

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*O God, your Son, Jesus,
prayed for his disciples,
and sent them into the world
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
By your Holy Spirit,
hold the church in unity,
and keep it faithful to your Word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ
in faith and love and service,
now and forever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Crown Him with many Crowns Wilbur Held

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
The word of God is truth.
Let us be sanctified in the truth.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE Crown Him with Many Crowns Hymnal, No. 268

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of all hope and joy, we confess
that we continue to live in fear.
You invite us to share in Christ's ministry,
but we ignore the calling of our baptism.
You allow us to share in Christ's own life,
but we fail to believe this good news.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Protect us, for we belong to you.
Sanctify us in your truth
that our hope and joy may be complete;
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

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

ANTHEM

Everywhere I Go

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-19

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MESSAGE

Last Words

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal, No. 264

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God the Holy Spirit

fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.

**The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church
as the community in which people are reconciled
to God and to one another.**

**The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness
as they forgive one another
and to enjoy the peace of God
as they make peace among themselves.**

**In spite of their sin,
the Spirit gives people power
to become representatives of Jesus Christ
and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES—Roland Ngom and Mariolise Sama

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

Priere à Notre Dame

Leon Boëllman

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Hymnal, No. 679

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Präludium in G Minor

Johannes Brahms

*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 20: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

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 Mike and Joan Cole.

We will be **celebrating the Graduates** today after worship.

There will be a **reception for 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

Next Sunday will be Stephen Wurst's last day with us. There will be a love offering taken if you would like to contribute.

SUNDAY	May 13
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service	
12:00 P.M. – Honoring the Graduates	
MONDAY	May 14
6:00 P.M. – Worship Committee meeting	
TUESDAY	May 15
7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting	
WEDNESDAY	May 16
3:15 P.M. – Last Kids' Club	
4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir	
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir	
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