

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Almighty God,
you have taught us
that all our deeds without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the very bond of peace and of all goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Canon

Flor Peeters

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Jesus has the words of eternal life;

he is the Holy One of God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymnal, No. 2

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
You call us to love and serve you,
yet we choose false and empty idols.
You call us to new life in Christ,
yet we turn aside and fall back in fear.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us, by your Word and Spirit,
the wisdom and strength
to love and serve you faithfully;
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

Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

I Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Blest Are They

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion .

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:56-71

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Where Else Would We Go?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Fight the Good Fight

Hymnal, No. 846

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Suite Gothique, op. 25
III. Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëlmann

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Standing on the Promises

Hymnal, No. 838

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

O Lord, With Your Eyes You Have Searched Me

*POSTLUDE

Suite Gothique, op. 25
IV. Toccata

Léon Boëlmann

*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 September 2: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for September is **peanut butter and jelly**. 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 Jo Beth Bailey and Trudy Beard.

Kids Club will begin on September 5th.

Memorial Presbyterian is **collecting school supplies this year**; we are collecting for both Jackson and Kennedy Elementary. We have connections to both of these schools, so are happy to be helping out the kids at both. The stores that sell school supplies have the lists of what the kids need. Please help if you can. **We will continue collecting supplies through August.**

SUNDAY

August 26

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

MONDAY

August 27

6:00 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

August 29

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

September 2

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