

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Unchanging God, you have blessed us forever
through the Beloved One, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Born again by your word of truth,
let us live out your love, doing your word,
caring for the weak and vulnerable in their distress,
and ever pursuing your reign of justice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Organ Concerto in A minor, BWV 593, II. Adagio J.S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Every generous act is a gift from God

who gives birth to us through the word.

*SONG OF PRAISE Great Is Thy Faithfulness Hymnal, No. 39

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.**

**You lavish your love upon us,
yet we let our hearts grow cold.**

**You wash us clean in your mercy,
yet we defile ourselves in sin.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Give us a new religion:
to love you and one another
even as you have loved us;
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

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

**You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.**

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

**you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God,
has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;**

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces
stringed instruments make you glad;

**daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand
stands the queen in gold of Ophir.**

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Searching the Heart

Tracy L. Evans

*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

Offertory

Alexandre Guilmant

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG

Before I Take the Body of My Lord

Hymnal, No. 428

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 Rubrics, II. Silence may be Kept Dan Locklair

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Take My Life Hymnal, No. 697

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION Take, O Take Me as I am

*POSTLUDE Festive Trumpet Tune David German

*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 9: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

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 Loreen and Cassie Upton .

This morning we are excited to introduce our new organist, **Solena Rizzato**. This Chicago native is an Organ Performance major at OU. She will also be leading our children's choir. Be sure to introduce yourself and make her feel welcome!

Kids Club will begin on September 5th.

SUNDAY **September 2**

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

MONDAY **September 3**

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY **September 5**

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

SUNDAY **September 9**

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