

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 30, 2018

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Grant us, Lord,  
not to be anxious about earthly cares,  
but to love that which is above,  
and even now,  
while we live among transient things,  
to hold fast to those things that shall endure;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trio Sonata IV- Adagio

J.S. Bach

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

James 5

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

**The prayer of faith will save the sick and whoever has committed sins will be forgiven.**

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

**The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.**

Let us worship God!

\*SONG OF PRAISE

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Hymnal, No. 641

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

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

**You rain down mercy upon us,  
yet we murmur in our discontent.**

**You cast out the evil within us,  
yet we fling curses at others.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Call us home from our wandering,  
deliver our souls from death,  
and cover us with your love;  
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

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—

**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies  
attacked us,**

then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled  
against us;

**then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone  
over us;**

then over us would have gone the raging waters.

**Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:38-50

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

We Are Not Alone

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

When God Delivered Israel

Hymnal, No. 73

\*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

Improvisation

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

Hymnal, No. 44

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

\*POSTLUDE

Toccata In B minor

Eugene Gigout

\*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 October 7: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrew 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for October 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 Jim and Linda Rodriguez.

**Next Sunday is World Communion.** We will celebrate God's glorious diversity and recognize our sisters and brothers around the world. There will be a potluck following worship; you are invited to bring a dish from your native land, or from another place you know. All are welcome!

**On Sunday, October 14th at 5:30,** Memorial Presbyterian and First Congregational Churches (who worship in our building on Sundays at 4:00) will be hosting a Hunger Panel. There will be four speakers addressing the issue of hunger in our community. Come learn about the current situation, how hunger issues are being addressed and ways to combat hunger in our community.

**Looking Ahead:**

Speaker Panel on Hunger	October 14
Fall Clean-up	October 20
CROP Walk	October 21

**SUNDAY**

**September 30**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**October 3**

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY**

**October 7**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – World Communion Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Potluck Dinner