

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 2018

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Merciful God,  
in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous,  
but sinners to repentance.  
Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction,  
and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant,  
that in seeking your truth,  
and obeying your will,  
we may know the joy of being a disciple  
of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Introit

Dan Forrest

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

How can a mortal receive eternal life?

**For God all things are possible.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal, No. 12

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Eternal God, we confess  
that we have failed to seek your will.  
You have shown us what is good,  
but we remain enthralled by evil.  
You have offered us abundance,  
but we are satisfied with wealth.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
By the power of your Word  
cut away all that is false  
and open our hearts to new life;  
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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Melissa Gill

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ross Robinson

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Page No. 409

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 22:1-15

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.**

**Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

**To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.**

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

**All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;**

"Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

**Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.**

On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

**Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

Page No. 972

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31

Page No. 822

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

God's Possibility

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Hymnal, No. 721

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,  
and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.  
His human life involves the church  
in the common life of all people.  
His service to men and women  
commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.  
His suffering makes the church sensitive  
to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ  
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.  
His crucifixion discloses to the church  
God's judgment on the inhumanity  
that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences  
of the church's own complicity in injustice.  
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:... Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

*You are invited to pray in the language of your choosing.*

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sanctus

Dan Forrest

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise to God the Father

Hymnal, No. 605

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;  
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On-ya-me a - se!

praise to God the Spir - it; praise to the Three - in - One.  
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On-ya - me a - se!

Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.  
Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.

Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.  
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On-ya-me a - se!

TEXT: Anon.  
MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011  
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DA N'ASE  
Irregular

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Come! Live in the Light!

Hymnal, No. 749

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Are Called

\*POSTLUDE

Fugue in A minor BWV 565

J.S. Bach

\*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 21: Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.

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 Mike and Joan Cole.

**Today at 5:30**, Memorial Presbyterian and First Congregational Churches (who worship in our building on Sundays at 4:00) are 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.

**Saturday, October 20, from 8:00 to 11:00 am** we will spend a few hours at Fall Clean-up. Come give a bit of your time (even if it's just 30 minutes) to spruce up the facility. Fellowship and Hospitality will provide breakfast goodies.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 14</b>
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service	
4:00 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting	
5:30 P.M. – Hunger Panel	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>October 15</b>
6:30 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>October 16</b>
7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>October 17</b>
3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club	
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir	
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 20</b>
8:00 A.M. – Church Cleanup	
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12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting	