

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb
and invite us to sing and dance in the
new life you give us.*

In Jesus Christ,

*whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection,
touch our wounds that they may be transformed
into channels of healing for others.*

*Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all
may have new life.*

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you heard the news the women brought?

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!

Have you heard the story Peter told?

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!

Let us journey the road of faith together,
ready for God to surprise us once more.

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Amen!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Hymnal, No. 267

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**When we lock the doors of our hearts or minds,
you burst through with forgiveness and peace.
When we are paralyzed by fear, doubt, or anger,
you breathe the Spirit on us and clothe us in your strength.
When we turn away from the depth of your redemption,
you call us back and gift us with joy.
Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we commit.
Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we fail to confess.
Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we fail to forgive,**

and lead us into your abundant life.

(Time of silent reflection)

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

John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:27-32

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Easter Perspectives: The Doubter

Mark Heaney

*SONG OF FAITH

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymnal, No. 286

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Life in Christ is life eternal.

**The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work**

**of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Christ is Alive! Hymnal, No. 246

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*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 5: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for April is **Pasta**. 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 Melissa Gill and Linda Eckel.

A **congregational meeting** will be held following worship on May 5. The purpose of the

meeting is to elect two members to the Nominating Committee.

Please welcome our guest preacher this week Rev. Mark Heaney.

SUNDAY **April 28**

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

WEDNESDAY **May 1**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

SUNDAY **May 5**

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

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Alice Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Joan Thraikill
Jona Thiessen
Karen Upton
Harry Wright
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Betty Silman whose husband Bill Silman died on March 17.

Harry Wright whose daughter Tracy Garland died on March 30
Donna Vint, whose brother Gordon died February 2.

Seminary Student

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

Birthdays

April 28 – Becca Thraikill

Alison Baker

April 29 – Mike Beard

May 2 – Chris Sivuilu

May 3 – Ann Forsyth

Rachel Bradley

May 5 – Jayelle Martin

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week:

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

We are **thankful** for:

- the magnificent expanse of mountains, grasslands and deserts in these Central Asian countries
- the rich natural resources
- the incredible ethnic diversity
- cultural traditions and practices that have been preserved for centuries amid the challenges of modernization
- Christians who, although they are a tiny minority, have courage to witness to the gospel and find the strength to live according to God's word
- those who in spite of danger dedicate their lives to serving others.

We **pray** for:

- the people in these lands who suffer from poverty and repressive rule
- an end to clashes related to tribalism, traditionalism, and modernization
- the land, air and water that have been damaged by human abuse
- good relations between Muslims and Christians
- an end to oppression and violence.