

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places  
and surprise us with the abundance of your love.  
Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit  
so that we may follow you this day, and always;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship the One who heals us,  
**who opens our eyes to the goodness of God's world.**  
Come to worship the One who frees us,  
**who unbinds our hands from the chains we have made.**  
Come to worship the One who calls us,  
**who offers us life and showers us with grace.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Hymnal, No. 267

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

**Forgive us when we fail to see you in the face of a stranger,  
the voice of a neighbor, or the cry of a person in need.**

**Forgive us when we are so consumed with our own stories  
that we forget the truth of the Easter story.**

**Forgive us when we are quick to judge and slow to act,  
quick to speak and slow to listen,  
quick to fear and slow to care.**

**Break into our lives, God of surprises,  
and grant us the faith to recognize you.**

(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

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-6

Page No. 893

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

**To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:**

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

ANTHEM

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

Page No. 883

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Breakfast with Jesus

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Hymnal, No. 800

\*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

### **SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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 we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**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.**

...we offer ourselves to you with gratitude  
as we share this joyful feast.

**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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG                      A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!                      Hymnal, No. 258

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE  
CHORAL BENEDICTION                      Give We the Glory

\*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 12: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for May is **canned fruit & vegetables**. 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 Carl and Julie Forthman.

A **congregational meeting** will be held today following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect two members to the Nominating Committee.

**Congratulations** to Gysheilla Tita-Jangha and Kierstyn Upton who will graduate from Norman North High School in May. A celebration will be held following worship on May 19.

**The last day** of Kid's Club will be May 15th.

**SUNDAY**

**May 5**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service  
12:00 P.M. – Congregational Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**May 8**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club  
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY**

**May 12**

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

May 5 – Jayelle Martin

Nate Adams

May 8 – Steve Martin

May 9 – Breanna Upton

May 10 – Laure Sivuilu

Kaylee Eyabi

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

We are **thankful** for:

- the diversity of peoples in these countries: their cultures, values and spirituality
- for the resilience of minority religious groups and those on the margins of society such as indigenous communities, Dalits, women, youth, the disabled and sexual minorities, amid discrimination and persecution
- for the contributions of Christians and Christian churches in these countries to education and health services and for their innovative attempts in contextualizing their worship, theology and institutional life
- efforts to forge inter-religious solidarity for the sake of the common good.

We **pray** for:

- those who struggle to overcome grinding poverty
- Christians and others who selflessly work in the community, their efforts at ensuring the rights of all citizens, and their collaborative work
- efforts to build understanding and harmony among peoples across religious, caste and ethnic identities
- peoples' movements struggling for the rights of women, Dalits, Indigenous peoples, and the integrity of the earth leaders to keep priority on the wellbeing of the people and the earth itself amid demands for economic growth.