

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you make all things new.*

*Long ago you called your church
to a love beyond all social and cultural differences
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to open their hearts to enact such love.*

*Give us that same spirit of openness,
that we too might discern new directions in our day
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens!

Men, women, all people alike,

old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

whose name is exalted above heaven and earth!

*SONG OF PRAISE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymnal, No. 14

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of mercy,

your command to love one another

across all differences

opens us to new horizons,

yet we often respond with fear and judgment

that hinders your goal for humanity.

Forgive our sins, we pray,

and give us a true repentance

that leads to life for all creation.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Melissa Gill

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

How Blest We Are

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

A New Thing

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

We Are One in the Spirit

Hymnal, No. 300

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES--

Gysheilla Tita-Jangha and Kierstyn Upton

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

O for a World

Hymnal, No. 372

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Hallelujah, Sing Praise to your Creator

*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 26th: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9.

The **Food & 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 Trudy Beard and Ann Fayles.

Guest pianist for May is Lindsey Bertram. Welcome, Lindsey!

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 today.

SUNDAY

May 19

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:00 P.M. – Graduate Celebration

12:00 P.M. – MY Group

12:00 P.M. – Deacon Meeting

5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

MONDAY

May 20

7:00 P.M. – Worship & Music Meeting

TUESDAY

May 21

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

May 22

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

May 26

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
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

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 13 – Paige Girdner

Kay Anderson

May 16 – John Silman

May 17 – Herve Sivuilu

Anniversaries

May 14 – Paul & Karen Upton

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

We are **thankful** for:

- the peoples of these nations – the diversity of their cultures, languages, and art, and their resilience
- the breath-taking beauty of these lands – the mountains in all their grandeur, overflowing rivers and green paddy fields
- all those who work for the churches and their institutions, especially in places where natural disasters strike

We **pray** for:

- efforts of governments and others to build up these nations' economies
- those who have lost families and homes in earthquakes and other disasters as they struggle to rebuild their lives, homes and infrastructure
- those who contribute to religious harmony and advocate for the minority voice of Christians, especially amid religious and ethnic tensions
- religious and government leaders that they will make it possible for all peoples to live in justice with peace and harmony.

these small nations which depend on other countries and are often threatened by interests of their bigger neighbours.