

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*O God,
you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond understanding.
Pour into our hearts such love for you,
that, loving you above all else,
we may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.
Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here.

We have come to hear the Word of God.

We have brought with us all that weighs us down.

Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us.
Be glad together and sing for joy.

Our hearts respond with hope for a new day.

Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.

God reigns among us and fills the world with light.
We are invited to make our home with the living God.

May God's ways be known within and among us.

May God guide all nations in ways of peace.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Shall We Gather at the River

Hymnal, No. 375

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of mercy, hear our prayers.

**We want to be generous like your servant Lydia,
but we fear that we will not have enough.**

**We want to be transformed like your servant Paul,
but we worry that we are beyond your grace.**

**We want to be loving like our savior Jesus,
but we wonder whether we are good enough for your call.**

God of mercy, forgive our sins.

God of mercy, hear our prayers.

(Time of silent reflection)

*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

Karen Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

Page No. 900

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
Selah

**that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power
among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples
with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5

Page No. 1008

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:23-29

Page No. 877

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

It's Good to Have an Advocate

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

I've Got Peace like a River

Hymnal, No. 623

*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

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymnal, No. 377

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Song of Hope

*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 June 2: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17: 20-26.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for May is **canned fruit and 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 John and Susan Beck.

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

Be sure to join us on Pentecost Sunday, June 9 for a special worship service. You are encouraged to wear red as we celebrate the birth of the church!

The three Oklahoma Presbyteries (Indian Nations, Cimarron and Eastern Oklahoma) will be meeting together on Friday and Saturday, May 31-June 1. PC (USA) General Assembly Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohlmann will be the speaker. Youth will be commissioned at the afternoon worship at 4:30 pm. For more information, go to <http://www.okinp.org/stated-meetings/>

SUNDAY

May 26

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
12:00 P.M. – Worship & Music Committee meeting

MONDAY

May 27

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY

May 29

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

June 2

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
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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
Devyn Upton
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 26 – Barbara Hudson

May 27 – Chelsea Thiessen

Anniversaries

May 28 – Larry & Lisa Upton

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

We are **thankful** for:

- the rich natural resources in these countries, which God intends for the good of all
- the positive developments experienced since years of civil war
- village committees that seek to protect livelihoods and food security of the poor
- how the Lutheran World Federation and partners have pursued land rights in Mozambique.

We **pray** for:

- better sanitation, health services, and protection of the environment in these lands
- a healing of the lingering scars and memories from colonization and civil wars
- protection of the land rights of the people
- governments that are transparent and further the good of all the people, rather than being captive to foreign and business interests.