

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*O God, who opens our prison doors and releases us from our faults,  
keep us near to you in the hours of each day  
that by the power of the prayer Jesus prays for us  
and the light of your Word  
we might drink of your living water, know true joy,  
and serve you to the end of time. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord,  
the God who is and who was and who is to come.

**Let us give thanks for all that was,  
let us celebrate all that is,  
and let us imagine all that will be.**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal, No. 366

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

**Your spirit is a wind of change,  
but we would recast it as a quiet breeze.**

Your call is to the edges of the world,

**but we would confine to the comfortable places.**

Your will is to free us from the chains of injustice,

**but we would keep them on rather than disturb the peace.**

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Fill our hearts with songs of faith,

**and give us the voice to sing them.**

*(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                      Lucy Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING                      Page No. 900  
Acts 16:16-34

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM                      Psalm 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!  
**Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

**His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.**

All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

**Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God.**

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

SOLO                      Vince Leseney

SCRIPTURE READING                      Page No. 880  
John 17:20-26

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      An Enduring Foundation                      Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH                      Breathe on Me, Breath of God                      Hymnal, No. 286

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God the Holy Spirit**

**fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.**

**The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church  
as the community in which people are reconciled  
to God and to one another.**

**The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness  
as they forgive one another  
and to enjoy the peace of God  
as they make peace among themselves.**

**In spite of their sin,  
the Spirit gives people power  
to become representatives of Jesus Christ  
and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20*

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.**

...According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

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                      Soon and Very Soon                      Hymnal, No. 384

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION                      Soon and Very Soon

\*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 9: Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27).

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for June is **peanut butter**. 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 Jim Rodriguez and Tim Thiessen.

**Communion servers** for today's service are Doug and Ann Forsyth, Grace Tamukong, Lucy Lanning.

**Guest pianist today 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!

**Vacation Bible School** will be July 15-18 from 6pm-8pm.

**SUNDAY** **June 2**

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

**WEDNESDAY** **June 5**

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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## 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

June 2 – Briana Bliss  
Todd Forsyth

### Anniversaries

June 5 – Larry & Loreen Upton  
June 5 – Rachel & Michael Klenda

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

We are **thankful** for:

- the rich biodiversity of plants and animals and of mineral resources in this region
- the faithful witness of churches throughout the world during apartheid and how people of different races and lifestyles have come together since then
- the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and others to bring healing from the atrocities committed
- how South Africa has made antiretroviral drugs accessible to all with HIV and AIDS.

We **pray** for:

- protection of resources for the good of all rather than their exploitation for economic gain
- more democratic and transparent governance in these countries, at all levels
- effectively countering rape, sexual violence, and other crime

adequate resources and changed attitudes for welcoming refugees in these countries.