

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Living God,
you call us to yourself
so that we may live in wholeness
with ourselves and our neighbors.
Unchain your people
and set us free to rejoice in your saving word,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Samuel McCann, Liturgist

How mighty is the God we worship,
**that even the demons know Christ's name
and the depth of his healing power.**
How holy is the God we worship,
**that we would compare God's grace to water,
God's love to flowing streams.**
How loving is the God we worship,
**that we find ourselves united in Christ:
one faith, one Lord, one baptism.**
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

God of Great and God of Small

Hymnal, No. 19

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so our souls long for you, O God.
When we are parched and weak,
fill us with the waters of your grace.
When we are starving and stumbling,
feed us with the bread of life.
You call us to be your servants,
but we have wandered away from your call.
Forgive us, God of life, and fill us with your love.**
(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

1 Kings 19:1—15a Page No. 284
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 42 and 43

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and
behold the face of God?**

My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me con-
tinually, "Where is your God?"

**These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the
throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad
shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help
and my God.**

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of
Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

**Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves
and your billows have gone over me.**

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

**I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I
walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"**

As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say
to me continually, "Where is your God?"

**Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted
within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and
my God.**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:23-29

Page No. 947

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39

Page No. 841

The Word of the Lord.

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MESSAGE

Into the Wilds

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Hymnal, No. 490

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ**

**and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Holy, triune God, **have mercy on us.**
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 The Church of Christ in Every Age Hymnal, No. 320

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION We Are One in Christ Jesus

*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 30: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39.

The **Food & 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 Loreen Upton & Breanna Upton.

Guest organist today is Lauree Beth Marshall. Welcome, Lauree Beth!

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:

ZERO WASTE: A CRITICAL CONVERSATION

First Congregational Church of Norman-UCC will host a discussion with solid waste expert, Bret Scovill **Sunday, June 30 at 5:15 p.m.** Learn how we have gotten in our current solid waste predicament of drowning in plastic and packaging. Hear what we, as stewards of the Earth, can do to recycle less waste by creating less waste.

All are invited to this informative event at 601 24th Avenue, S.W. in Norman (First Congregational-UCC shares space with Memorial Presbyterian Church) following 4 p.m. worship service. The program begins with a potluck supper at 5:15 p.m., and introduction of the speaker and discussion at 5:30 p.m.

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KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Mike Girdner
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 Graduate

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 25– Judd Lanning
June 27– Rod Pennington
June 28– Linda Rodriguez
June 29– Corey Fisher Smith
Gary Thrailkill

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

We are **thankful** for:

- the abundant wildlife, natural resources and people indigenous to these countries and that they are protected, not exploited
- the literacy rate in Kenya, the highest in Africa, and for the schools that churches and their partners support and sustain in both countries
- the faithful witness of the churches in their communities, and in building positive relationships with those of other faiths
- persons and organizations who meet the needs of the hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees from other African countries.

We **pray** for:

- greater tolerance between Christians and Muslims as they work together to improve the lives of all people
- youth, that they not succumb to radicalization but are prepared to sustain their lives and communities
- all victims of violence, especially sexual or gender-based violence, and all who are marginalized or excluded from communities
- those who are most vulnerable to climate change and drought, that they may have clean water to drink and for their crops and animals to flourish
- economic growth and trade that benefits all the people.