

Memorial Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*As prophets catch fire,
as disciples draw flame,
as apostles walk in the Spirit,
O Holy One, Holy Three,
fill us with fervent desire
to enter your kingdom.
Lead us by the cross of Christ
to live in the love of Christ,
now and forever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to mind the acts of God.
Remember the wonders God has revealed in your life.

All the ways of God are holy.

Nothing in heaven or earth is so great as God.

With a strong arm, God redeems the people.
Day by day, God leads us with a shepherd's care.

Even when the earth trembles, God is with us.

When lightening flashes, we are confident of God's care.

We have inherited the mission of the prophets.
We need the prophet's mantle from our God.

We have come to be equipped for our tasks.

We have gathered for renewal of our lives.

*SONG OF PRAISE

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Hymnal, No. 725

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, you call us to bear with one another in love.

Forgive us when we cannot love our neighbors.

Forgive us when we cannot love ourselves.

You call us to bear fruits of humility, gentleness, and patience.

Forgive us when we choose self-doubt over humility,

quietness over gentleness,

or resignation over patience.

Hear our prayers, God of grace,

and draw us into the unity of your Spirit.

(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

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 77: 1-2, 11-20

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:51-62

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MESSAGE

Just Two Words

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Jesus Calls Us

Hymnal, No. 720

*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 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said Hymnal, No. 718

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

*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 July 7: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for July is **cereal**. 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 Grace Tamukong & Melissa Gill.

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 **today 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.

SUNDAY

June 30

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

THURSDAY

July 4

Office Closed

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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

July 6– Linda Eckel
July 7– James Lovett

Anniversaries

July 3– Paul & Ericka Phelps

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:

- how the churches in Sudan and in South Sudan, as well as Ecumenical Network Sudan, have consistently pursued peace processes, healing and reconciliation in these war-ravaged countries
- those who work to bring justice for the victims of genocide and war crimes, including the International Criminal Court
- the many who carry out humanitarian work in these countries and who settle those who are displaced
- the economic progress and peacebuilding that has occurred in Uganda, and for effective measures to curb the spread of HIV and AIDS.

We **pray** for:

- a cessation of ethnic animosities and violence, and increased understanding between ethnic and religious groups
- an end to the rape and practices of genital mutilation of girls and women
- governments to respect the will and best interests of their people and the human rights of all
- natural resources to be preserved and the land saved from further desertification.