

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Grant us this day, O God,
not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts
that can make us feel that you are not near.
Give us the chance, to sit at your feet,
to enjoy every word and every musical note
that we may feel your real presence
and in turn live out that presence
within our families, our communities,
our jobs, and our schools.
Prepare us as we journey as your people,
to worship and to obey.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the image of the invisible God,
and the firstborn over all creation. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joan Cole

Let us sit at Christ's feet, like his servant Mary,
and learn from the teachings of our Lord.
Let us serve Christ with eagerness, like his servant Martha,
and share God's hospitality with all in need.
Let us bear God's good news, like the prophet Amos,
and worship God with thanksgiving.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Hymnal, No. 363

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**God of Abraham and Sarah,
you are the God of hospitality and grace.
Forgive us when we close our doors to strangers
or close our hearts to you.
You are the God of good news and great joy.
Forgive us when we hide
behind the bad news of this world**

**and lose sight of your holy hope.
You are the God of all people,
united in the body of Christ.
Forgive us when we would fracture your body,
and reconcile us in your spirit.**
(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 Joan Cole

SCRIPTURE READING
Amos 8:1-12 Page No. 748

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 52

Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long

**you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you
worker of treachery.**

You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. Selah

You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah

**The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer,
saying,**

"See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!"

**But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the
steadfast love of God forever and ever.**

I will thank you forever, because of what you have done.

**In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is
good.**

SPECIAL MUSIC There Is A Balm In Gilead aar. Mark Hayes
Nicholas Lindley, trumpet Michael Yeager, piano

SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 10:38-42 Page No. 845
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Many Things and One Thing Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH For All the Faithful Women Hymnal, No. 324

*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:... In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**
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 Blest Be the Tie That Binds Hymnal, No. 306

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*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 28: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13.

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 Michael Yeager & Nick Lindley.

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

The Mission and Evangelism committee are still collecting personal hygiene items for Redrock and Griffin for the summer months. Travel size items are the perfect size.

SUNDAY

July 21

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

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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
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Donna Vint whose husband Harry Wright died on July 7.

Carl Forthman whose mother Betty Forthman died on July 1.

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 21– Ewane Masango

July 22– Lisa Upton

July 24– Wade Forthman

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda**

We are thankful for:

- the abundant natural resources in the DRC and the mountainous beauty of Rwanda
- those who have worked for healing and reconciliation in Rwanda, especially after the genocide
- the tireless efforts of churches and community organizations, working with the support of humanitarian organizations, to improve the living conditions of the people

We pray for:

- an end to poverty and hunger, and improved access to health services, especially for the young, that they might have hope for their future
- an end to rebel movements across borders and the political instability this stirs up
- just economic development that does not exploit Creation and people
- democratic election of less corrupt governments that work for the sake of all.