

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Grant us, Lord,
not to be anxious about earthly cares,
but to love that which is above,
and even now,
while we live among transient things,
to hold fast to those things that shall endure;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Oma l'a o fi Gbe

Godwin Sadoh

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O people!

Let us praise the Lord as long as we live.

Let us sing praises to our God!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Hymnal, No. 804

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

You create life and call it good.

Forgive us when we cannot see the goodness.

You call us to serve you and our neighbor.

Forgive us when we serve power, money, or status.

You are sovereign and worthy of our praise.

Forgive us when we are too weak to trust,

too afraid to doubt, or too tired to try.

Hear us, God of Jacob.

Meet us in our confession,

and move us deeper into life.

(Time of silent reflection)

...that our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

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

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Page No. 965

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

ANTHEM

I've Got Peace Like a River

Children & Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

Page No. 851

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Seeing Lazarus

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

Hymnal, No. 824

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service Wayne Wold

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Lead On, O King Eternal! Hymnal, No. 269

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Variations on an Old American Tune, Zacha Wadsworth
Variation VI.

*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 October 6: Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for September is **pasta & pasta sauce**. 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 & Susan Beck.

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. We will have special guests with us as we affirm our place at the global table. We will celebrate the Lord's supper.

We will follow worship with a potluck meal. You are invited to bring an international food to share, or just come eat with us.

The **book study on Death of Race will not meet next Sunday, October 6.** They will resume their study October 13.

Please help us gather the following items recommended by our own educator – Jo Beth Bailey. These are things that teachers constantly need and run out of, because they don't get contributed as much as more conventional supplies for students: Hand sanitizer; Bleach wipes; Lysol spray; Baby wipes; Kleenex; Paper towels; Coffee filters (used as snack bowls); Card stock – 8 ½ by 11" - white & colors; Painter's tape and Packing tape. There are lists on the bulletin board in the hallway to help you shop. We will collect your contributions and deliver them to Kennedy and Jackson Schools. You can also, of course, contribute cash or a check; please annotate it for "School Supplies."

SUNDAY

September 29

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

WEDNESDAY

October 2

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

October 6

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – World Communion Service
12:00 P.M. – Potluck

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jan Cunningham
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Alice Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Gene Thraikill
Jona Thiessen
Devyn Upton
Karen Upton
Janann Yeager
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

John Beck whose mother Mary Jean died on August 19.
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

September 30– Susan Beck
October 1– Adrien Roesel
October 3– David Paulson

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

Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty in these countries, including in their people and cultural traditions
- persistent, patient, prophetic work of churches and ecumenical and other organizations, to establish peace with justice throughout the region, especially in Colombia
- resistance to past colonization, and to practices of today that prioritize economic ideologies over the needs of the people
- efforts by churches and people of goodwill for inclusive and respectful relations in society and government.

We **pray** for:

- the continued pursuit of peace in Colombia, the fulfilment of agreements reached, the reintegration of insurgents into society, broad and inclusive dialogue for justice, and fair compensation of those victimized by conflict
 - the strengthening of democratically elected governments in the region, without pressure from outside interests
 - greater respect for the human rights of all, especially vulnerable populations and those who work for the wellbeing of others and of the environment
- an end to the corruption in these societies, and to unsustainable exploitation of their resources.