

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray,
and to give more
than we either desire or deserve.
Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things
of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things
for which we are not worthy to ask,
except through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Le P'ing

Tzu-chen Chao

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.

Where in the world shall we serve our God?

At home and school and business place – in this community and throughout every land.

How in the world shall we serve our God?

By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.

Why in the world shall we serve our God?

Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us.

*SONG OF PRAISE

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Hymnal, No. 765

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God, we confess that we judge others and we play favorites. We are accepting of those who are accepting, but we reject those who seem narrow-minded and closed off to the world. We want to accept everyone except those people. We forget that

all of us are made in Your image, and that all of us have sinned and fall short. Forgive us for our pride and arrogance. Forgive us for our selfishness and self-centeredness. Forgive us when we judge and despise others, even when we claim that judging others is wrong. Turn us back to Your path, turns us back to Your love, and guide us in ways to restore and heal relationships. In the name of Jesus, who emptied his pride to the point of dying on the cross, we pray. Amen.

(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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World with out end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Joan Cole

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Page No. 966

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10

Page No. 852

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Little Things

Tracy L. Evans

***SONG OF FAITH**

If You Only Had Faith

Hymnal, No. 176

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, page 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

De Colores

*DOXOLOGY

Know That God Is Good

Hymnal, No. 659

Know that God is good. Know that God is good.

Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christian Women's Fellowship

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Let the women bring the flour and the salt, and the men bring the yeast. Many guests will come, those who live on the margins, those who live with infirmities, those of differing abilities, rich and poor alike.

Come quickly, let us follow the recipe of the Lord. Let all of us knead the dough together with our hands. Let us watch with joy as the bread rises and expands.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks O God, for you have made us in your image; female and male, black, brown, olive, and pale. You created us and continue to shape us and teach us to love you, to love our neighbors, and to love ourselves.

Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks, O God.

In Jesus Christ, you showed us your love for all, especially those among us often rejected by others. Those of us who are poor, immigrants, prostitutes, suffering from illness, those whom society deemed unclean or impure. You showed us the way to new community, one in which the last would be first, justice would be realized, resources would be shared in common.

Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks, O God.

Jesus proclaimed the good news of the reign of God, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, calling for economic justice from tax collectors and religious leaders, preaching about faith guided by the

heart, not law.

Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks, O God.

Yet we rebelled against his message of compassion and justice, and he was crucified because we feared such love. But death cannot ultimately defeat life; many waters cannot quench love. Jesus rose from the grave, and in the resurrection we place our hope and assurance. We joyfully celebrate Christ's life and resurrection as we wait for the day that Christ is fully present with us and in us and the world is at peace.

Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks, O God.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for pouring out your Holy Spirit upon us. Fill us with compassion that we might be moved to action, that your reign might come in fullness. We pray in one voice as Jesus taught his disciples. **Our Father, who art in heaven....**

(You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choosing)

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

Bless this bread, we pray.

May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world.

Bless this cup, we pray.

May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG For Everyone Born Hymnal, No. 769

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION May the God of Hope Go with Us

*POSTLUDE Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Craig Curry

*Please rise in body or spirit.

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll

Sandy Clarke

Jan Cunningham

Jim Eckel

Laura Eckel

Doug Forsyth

Alice Lanning

Jayelle Martin

Gene Thraillkill

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

October 9– Kevin Eckel

October 11– Christy Fisher

October 12– Trudy Beard

Amanda Bliss

October 13– Joe Garlett

Anniversaries

October 10– Mike & Trudy Beard

October 11– Daniel & Michele Schaub

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama**

We are **thankful** for:

- the natural beauty in this region
- the cultural and spiritual contributions made by the indigenous peoples living in these countries
- church leaders and others who continue to struggle for justice, human rights and dignity, and who work for reconciliation in these lands
- those who have turned away from violence and live with others in peace.

We **pray** for:

- children and youth who are traumatized by violence and flee to other lands
- an end to gang violence and drug trafficking
- more just distribution of wealth that enables the millions who have been excluded to have access to a dignified life in these countries
- Christians to have the courage to live out the liberating gospel.