

Memorial Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 10, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

By your side
There is peace,
A quiet place
Of beauty and realization,
Where wisdom
Seeks reason and understanding,
Where myth is laid to rest
By the reality of knowledge.

By your side
There is hope,
That arrogance and greed
Will not destroy,
That selfless love
Will prevail.

By your side
Life is sacred,
A future
For the children
To unfold.
By your side
In your presence
There is love

-- Chris Roe, UK

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major

Domenico Scarlatti

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Lovett

Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.

We glorify the One who holds our hands when we slip.

Come into the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space.

Where the doors to grace are thrown open so all may enter.

Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

**We will tell of the joy and of the love,
of the peace and of the hope which is ours.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal, No. 12

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of community,
you call us to a world radically different
from what we are used to.
You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours."
You show us a life where goods are shared,**

ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter

SCRIPTURE READING
John 14:15-21 Page No. 877
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Love and Obedience Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Joyful Is the Dark Hymnal, No. 230

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**
Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, p. 35
*Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Give Thanks Hymnal, No. 647
Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG In Christ There Is No East or West Hymnal, No. 317

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major J. S. Bach

*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. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for May 17: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

The Food & Shelter items for May are socks and deodorant. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

We are trying to move all volunteer notifications to text or email. **The text number for the church is 405-914-9059**