



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God, our source and our salvation,
in love you made us
and by love you have redeemed us.
Make your love for us bear fruit
in our forgiveness of others,
that in this life we may know
your all-embracing compassion
and in the world to come
receive the everlasting joy of fellowship
you share with your Son, Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

David Hurd

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Jesus is Lord of the dead and the living.

Whether we live or die, we belong to God.

Here we stand before the Lord of all life.

Let every knee bow, and every tongue sing praise.

*SONG OF PRAISE

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our redeemer, we confess
that we remain captivated by sin.
You move heaven and earth to save us,
but we are unmoved by the suffering of others.
You are willing to forgive again and again,
but we are unwilling to forgive the debts of others.
Forgive us; liberate us!
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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

*We Are Forgiven
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:1-12
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Matthew 18:21-35
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

Let All the People Praise Thee

MESSAGE

Forgiving Well

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

But why are you called a Christian?

**Because by faith I am a member of Christ
and so I share in his anointing.**

I am anointed

to confess his name,

to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,

**to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil
in this life,**

and afterward to reign with Christ

over all creation

for eternity.

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q32

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Paul Manz

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Though Our World Is Everchanging*

*POSTLUDE

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Jean Langlais

*Those who are able may stand.

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 September 21: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16.

The Urban Mission item of the month for September is **hygiene products**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Karen and Paul Upton.

Vince Leseney will be performing in the **Christmas Show** at the Civic Center on Saturday, December 6, at 2:00 P.M. This program is part of the OKC Philharmonic's family holiday tradition. We hope to have a church group in attendance to be supportive of Vince. The plan is to meet in Bricktown for lunch, and then attend the concert. If you would like to share in this experience, please contact Terry Cast at 329-3640, so that we can order the tickets, which will cost \$40.00 each.

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania. We give thanks for the long history of Christianity in these countries; for those who give their lives to Christian prayer and service; for the care given to places of worship as, with icon and art, they proclaim the Gospel; for those caring for orphans, the elderly, and others without resources or family to take care of themselves; for those who make peace between ethnic groups; and for those who fight against the abuse of women. We pray for an end to corruption and organized crime, high unemployment, and limited supplies of food and housing; the environment, which continues to suffer severe degradation, and for all those who must deal with the pollution of the air they breathe and the water they drink; for a renewed ecumenical spirit among the churches; for those who face discrimination, hatred and violence on the basis of their ethnicity and religion; for the creation of stable economic and political systems that allow for the participation of all the peoples in these countries; and for healing for those who suffered under Marxist regimes.

- SUNDAY** **September 14**
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- MONDAY** **September 15**
6:00 P.M. – Personnel Meeting
- TUESDAY** **September 16**
7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting
- WEDNESDAY** **September 17**
3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- THURSDAY** **September 18**
10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir
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12:00 P.M. – Worship & Music Meeting