

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Loving God, we are the sheep of your hand, the people of your pasture. You know us; we are yours. You call us; we listen for your voice. Protect us from false leaders and hired hands who would seek to snatch us from safety. Keep us in the security of your fold and unite us with your people in all the earth. By your Spirit, make us one flock, one people; through the one who laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Robert Hobby

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*SONG OF PRAISE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing **AZMON**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We speak of your great love but our own hearts condemn us. We express concern for the poor but our own actions betray us. Forgive us, God of grace. Good shepherd, restore our souls and lead us in right paths for your name's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*THF PFACF

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 582

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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 without 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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:5-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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John 10:11-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

Fillmore

Children's Choir

MESSAGE Gathering the Sheep

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH My Life Flows On

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HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What is the nature of resurrection hope?

Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world, not a hope for escape from it.

It is the hope that evil in all its forms will be utterly eradicated, that past history will be redeemed, and that all the things that ever were will be made new.

It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven and a new earth, in which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving, and peace and justice reign on earth.

Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 85

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Response) ...God of goodness and mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFFRING

OFFERTORY Psalm 23 Emma Lou Diemer

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606
DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
KINGSFOLD

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Prelude on a Theme of Gibbons

C. V. Stanford

SONG 22

*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 May 3: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

The **Urban Mission item** of the month for April is **peanut butter**. 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 Holly Van Auken and Michael Yeager.

Westminster Presbyterian Church (OKC) requests the honor of your presence for the installation of the Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas as Pastor/Head of Staff on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 P.M., to be followed by a reception in the Payne Garden Court.

Save the date for Memorial's **50th Anniversary** Celebration Luncheon following a special worship service on Sunday, May 24. If you are in contact with former members who would like to be a part of the celebration, either in person or by a remembrance card, please contact Jona Thiessen at jthiessen2@att.net and we will gladly add them to our invitation list. The 50th Anniversary Committee is seeking direct donations from the congregation to cover the expense of the

celebration. If you would like to contribute, simply mark your donation "50th Anniversary Celebration". There is no specific line item in our budget for the party, so anything received will be greatly appreciated!

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 Eritrea and Ethiopia. We give thanks for the faithful witness of Ethiopian and Eritrean Christians; for ancient traditions, and new possibilities for proclaiming the faith of the risen Christ; for those who serve the poor and the hungry; for injera (Ethiopian bread) and wat (a sauce for meat and vegetables). We pray for governments marked by peace and justice; for the settling of border disputes by diplomatic means instead of violence; for new sources of food and potable water that can be developed affordably; for medical personnel to be trained and clinics to be made available for the people; for refugees and those who have been displaced from their homes and villages; for those suffering from AIDS, tuberculosis and other diseases, who have no access to medical care.

SUNDAY April 26

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:00 P.M. - Worship & Music Meeting

WEDNESDAY April 29

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 р.м. – Children's Choir

6:30 р.м. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY April 30

10:30 A.M. - Bible Study in Library

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