



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God our Living Father,
we give you thanks for sending our Lord Jesus Christ
to give his life as bread for the world.
Fill us now with your Spirit
that we may make the most of the time,
understanding your will and expressing your wisdom
in the midst of the people you have chosen. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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W. A. Mozart

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God with all your heart.

Great are the works of the Lord!

The Lord is gracious and merciful to us,

faithfully feeding us, day by day.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
You bestow the gift of wisdom,
yet we continue in our foolishness.
You provide the bread of life,
yet we persist in the ways of death.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to make better use
of the lives you have given us,
giving glory to you in all things;
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

Glory Be to the Father

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 5:15-20

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Merciful God

arr. Craig Courtney

MESSAGE

Wisdom Quest

Tracy L. Evans

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*POSTLUDE	<i>Chorale-Improvisation on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT</i>	Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*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 August 23: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for August is rice. 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 Will and Jessica Farris.

On Sunday, August 30, OU's Director of Religious Studies, Dr. Charles Kimball will speak during the church school hour in Fellowship Hall on the topic of **Christianity and Islam in a Post 9/11 World**. Dr. Kimball is an ordained Baptist minister, author of five books, including *When Religion Becomes Evil*, and has been published in *The Christian Century* and interviewed by more than 700 TV and radio stations, as well as major news outlets. Dr. and Mrs. Kimball are associated with First Presbyterian Church in Norman. Please take this opportunity to join with both adult classes to hear Dr. Kimball speak; there will be light refreshments available. His presentation has been facilitated by Judge Charles Johnson.

We will have a **congregational meeting** following the worship service on Sunday, August 30. We will be voting on officer nominations for the class of 2018 as well as a proposal to confer Pastor Emeritus status on the Rev. Jim Burns (retired).

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 **Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, & Vanuatu**. **Give thanks for:** The amazing diversity of these islands in the Pacific Ocean. Fish, oysters, deep blue waters, and those who know how to live in harmony with the sea. The strong presence of the church in these nations. Welcoming smiles. Communities that take care of one another. **Pray for:** The preservation of these island nations in the midst of global warming and rising sea levels. Those affected by earthquakes, volcanic activity and cyclones. The rights of indigenous peoples throughout these islands. An end to political unrest, violence and ethnic tensions. An end to political corruption and crime. Those who have been affected by nuclear weapons testing by France in French Polynesia and the United States in the Marshall Islands. Those who are impoverished and hungry, those who are unable to find employment or to make a living, and those who are unable to attend school.

SUNDAY**August 16**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School Kickoff & Potluck Breakfast
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Committee Meeting

TUESDAY**August 18**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY**August 19**

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**August 20**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SATURDAY**August 22**

- 9:00 A.M. – Worship & Music Meeting

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