

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Lord Jesus Christ, show us your glory
so that we may know the glory of God.
Good Shepherd, teach us your way
so that we may follow you all our lives.
Beloved of God, give us your love
so that we may truly love one another.
All this we pray in your holy name.
Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Jan Bender

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to praise God, all you faithful people!

Come, for God welcomes you and offers to draw close.

Praise to God, who rules over all the earth.

Praise to God, who is as near as our next breath.

Sun and moon and stars shine in praise to God.

God created them and established for each a place.

God has a place for us in this world;

we have come that God may instruct and equip us.

Mountains and hills, trees and animals praise God.

Let all the rulers of the earth do so as well.

**God provides abundantly for our needs.
God makes of one family all who dwell on earth.**

*SONG OF PRAISE Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of everlasting life, we confess
that we continue in the ways of death.
You show your love for us in Jesus,
but we fail to love one another.
You give us freedom in the Spirit,
but we deny the freedom of others.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to learn and keep
your new commandment of love
so that all will know we are yours;
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

Revelation 21:1-6

Page No. 1007

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 13:31-35

Page No. 877

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

MESSAGE

Commanding Love

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God's
life-giving Word and Spirit
has conquered the powers
of sin and death,
and therefore also
of irreconciliation and hatred,
bitterness and enmity,
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
will enable the church to live
in a new obedience**

**which can open new possibilities of life
for society and the world.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...O God of love, **raise us to new life in Christ.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

See the streams of Living Water

Robert J. Powell

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

To God Be the Glory

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Soon and Very Soon

*POSTLUDE

To God be the Glory

Jon Spong

*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 1: Acts 16:9-15; Psalms 67; Revelation 21:10; 21:22-25:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for April is Pasta. 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 Samuel McCann and Ross Robinson.

SUNDAY**April 24**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

5:00 P.M. – M. Y. Group

5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

TUESDAY**April 26**

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY**April 27**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**April 28**

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

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