Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Holy God, patient and kind, you know that we are worried and distracted by many things.

Help us to choose the better part—the joy and peace of your presence—so that we might enjoy the life that can never be taken away; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Craig Phillips

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Or who may abide upon your holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue; and do no evil to their friends; nor heap contempt upon their neighbors.

Those who do these things will never be overthrown.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

*SONG OF PRAISE Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. In the business of our daily life we trample on the poor and needy. In our daily worry and distraction we forget to rest in your presence. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us be reconciled to you

and to one another in Christ, so that we may declare your glory; 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

Amos 8:1-12 Page No. 748

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Colossians 1:15-20 Page No. 956

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 10:38-42 Page No. 845

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Vince Leseney

MESSAGE A Summer's Tale Jim Rodriguez

Glass is Half-empty Prophet Contemplates a Basket of Ripe Fruit

*SONG OF FAITH To Abraham and Sarah 51

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry. We believe that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind. We believe that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly.

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Pièce Héroïque (excerpt) César Franck

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606

DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand 331

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Pièce Héroïque (excerpt) César Franck

*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 July 24: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalms 85; Colossians 2:6-15(16-19); Luke 11:1-13.

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

Ushers for today's service are Charlotte Lovett and Lucy Lanning.

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

Do you have some "trash" that may be someone else's "treasure"? Our Indoor Garage Sale will be in August. We want your stuff! Proceeds go to our camp & conference fund.

Please pray for **Gysheila Jangha and MarioLise Sama** who will be leaving on July 18 for Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. They will be there with thousands of youth from all over the country and beyond. We look forward to hearing about their experiences of fellowship, activities, worship and fun!

Your gifts to the Camp and Conference Fund, and contributing to the fund-raisers we carry out make this possible. **You are welcome to make a donation at any time** for this year and for coming years!

SUNDAY July 17

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:00 P.M. - Deacon Meeting

THURSDAY July 21

7:30 P.M. – Building & Grounds Meeting

SUNDAY July 24

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10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service