Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

13th Sunday after Pentecost   **August 14, 2016**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of Peace,
your call, at times, appears to divide us from
one another.
Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage.
Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight.
Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us.
We ask this in the confidence of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE   Aria   David Cherwien

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

      Come, Holy Spirit, fire of justice;
           kindle the flame of faith in us.
      Come, Lord Jesus, stream of mercy;
           pour out your grace upon us now.
      Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE   Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory   354

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS
      God of hope, we confess
      our disregard of your care . . .
      our doubt of your providence . . .
      our blindness to signs of your love.
      We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;
      we separate ourselves from you and from others
      and foster divisions between those you love.
      Help us to amend our lives
      and make us your faithful people
      who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.
      Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*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*   581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING
    Luke 12:49-56   Page No. 848
        The Word of the Lord.
            Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM   Holy, Holy, Holy

SCRIPTURE READING
    Hebrews 11:29-12:2   Page No. 978
        The Word of the Lord.
            Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE   Faithful Journeys   Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH   O Jesus, I Have Promised   724

*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
        Response: … In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**
        The Lord's Prayer   Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

      OFFERTORY   Bicinium   David Cherwien

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

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG   For All the Saints   326

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
   CHORAL BENEDICTION   Fight the Good Fight

*POSTLUDE   Toccata   David Cherwien

*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 21: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalms 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for August 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 John and Susan Beck.

Do you have some " trash" that may be someone else's "treasure"? **Our Indoor Garage Sale will be August 20th.** We want your stuff! Proceeds go to our camp & conference fund.

Sunday School fall kick off is August 21st. Join us at 9:30 for potluck breakfast, fellowship, and to learn more about classes.

SUNDAY   **August 14**

      9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

    10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

    10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

TUESDAY   **August 16**

    7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY   **August 17**

    6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY   **August 21**

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