

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Loving God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
help us to choose life in you,
that we may keep the commands of Jesus,
follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit,
and witness to the hope that is within us,
sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us Paul Manz

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,

whose steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Living God, we confess
that we look for the living among the dead.
We are foolish and slow to believe
the promise of the prophets.
We are frightened and full of doubt,
even when you stand among us.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Open our hearts to receive your word,
and feed us with the bread of life,
the life that death cannot destroy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

Charles Ore

*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 28: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for May is macaroni and cheese. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Paul and Erica Phelps.

Flowers for worship this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Louisa Baker's 3rd birthday and in memory of Louisa's great-grandmother Elizabeth Copelan who shares her birthday. Given by Louisa's grandparents, Pat and Arch Baker.

We **welcome Rev. Dr. Melinda Clements** to our pulpit today while Tracy is at a family event.

Would you like to assist with Vacation Bible School? It will be held July 24-27 in the evenings. There will be a planning meeting Tuesday, June 6 at 5:30. Contact Jessica Farris or Tracy Evans for more info.

Cameroonian Orphanage Clothing Drive

One way that our church can help kids affected by unrest in Cameroon right now is by providing clothing. A large box is in the coat area as you enter the sanctuary from now thru May. Gently used or new clothing for all ages of children would be appreciated. Have fun looking for bargains and in closets!

You are invited to our Envelope Fundraiser for our Camp and Conference Fund. Pick an envelope off the bulletin board in the hall.

SUNDAY

May 21

- 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
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

WEDNESDAY

May 24

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

May 28

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

