

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of strength and courage,
in Jesus Christ you set us free from sin and death,
and call us to the risk of faith and service.
Give us grace to follow him
who gave himself for others, that, by our service,
we may find the life he came to bring. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Take Up Your Cross Kevin Hildebrand

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Through our baptism, we are dead to sin.
Now we are alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE God of the Sparrow 22

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our redeemer, we confess
that we remain captivated by sin.
We fail in our love for you,
forgetting your gracious acts.
We fail in our love for one another,
forsaking our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Jessica Farris

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 21:8-21

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Let All the People Praise Thee

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:24-29

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Care and Commitment Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come 789

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God is the one
who wishes to bring about justice
and true peace among people.
We believe that God,
in a world full of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way
the God of the destitute,
the poor, and the wronged.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

Ronald Nelson

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION

I Sing Because I'm Happy

*POSTLUDE

Erhalt, Uns Herr

Flor Peeters

*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 2: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for June 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 Diane Johnson and Jim Rodriguez .

VBS will be July 24-27, 6-8pm. Please invite children in your life to join us for a week with Abundance Orchard.

We are in need of drivers to take some kids to camp. One group will take five kids (plus suitcases and bedding) after church on July 2, and the other will pick them up (hopefully the same five kids) on Saturday, July 8, following the closing at 9:00 am. Dwight Mission is located in eastern Oklahoma, north of the town of Vian. Please let Tracy know if you are available to help out with one of these treks.

Next Sunday we welcome Jim Rodriguez in the pulpit. Tracy will be gone July 1-9, serving as pastor at Dwight Mission with a couple of days off, too.

SUNDAY

June 25

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

June 28

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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