Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Holy God,
you love justice and hate oppression;
you call us to righteousness
and not to exploitation.
Give us generous and loving hearts,
and eyes to see the splendor of your reign,
that we may live in truth and honor,
and praise you for the transformation of our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Praeambulum Heinrich Scheidemann

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord has delivered us from slavery;

there is no other god but the Lord.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Lord, you are our rock and our redeemer.

Yet we deny our need of you.

You make us stewards of a wonderful world.

We call it our own and misuse it.

You give laws to enhance our life.

We see them as burdens tying us down.

You bid us to take confidence in your love.

We put stock in our accomplishments.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

Have mercy.

Open our minds to know your truth,

our hearts to rejoice in your commands,

and our eyes to see the goal you set before us.

(Time of silent reflection)

*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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Page No. 58

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 Page No. 433

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Be thou My Vision

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-46 Page No. 803

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE God's Loving Wisdom Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Open Your Ears, O Faithful People 453

*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: ... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag Johann Gottfried Walther

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG O God, Who Gives Us Life

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION Run the Straight Race

*POSTLUDE Toccata in E Minor Johann Pachelbel

*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 October 15: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for October is **canned vegetables** (no corn). 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 Will and Jessica Farris.

Pet Blessing Bring your four-legged / winged / slithering family members to be blessed and introduce them to your Memorial family. This event will be held **this evening at 5:00 pm in the courtyard**.

As a response to the multiple disasters that have occurred in the last months, the Mission and Evangelism Committee is setting a goal of filling 10 buckets with clean-up supplies. These will be packed and sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance distribution center in Little Rock for current and future disasters. In the hallway is a list of supplies needed; there is a sign up sheet in the hallway to avoid duplication of items. Each of the buckets has a donation value of \$75. Buckets are priceless to those who receive them in their time of need.

SUNDAY October 8

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

5:00 P.M. – Pet Blessing

TUESDAY October 12

6:00 P.M. - Mission & Evangelism Meeting

WEDNESDAY October 11

NO Kids Club

NO Kids Choir

NO Chancel Choir

THURSDAY October 12

7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds Meeting

SUNDAY October 15

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. - Worship Service

12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting

5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting