Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste.

Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE This Joyful Eastertide Jan Bender

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluig! The Lord is risen indeed!

Beloved, we are God's children now;

when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE This Joyful Eastertide

Hymnal, No. 244

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; 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

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12-19

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

ANTHEM

And I Will Praise Him

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36b-48

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Look, Touch, Taste, Listen, See

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace Hymnal, No. 425

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Life in Christ is life eternal.

The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Variations on Slane John Eggert

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Be Thou My Vision Hymnal, No. 450

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE But Now Has Christ Arisen David Schack

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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 April 22: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

The **Food for Friends** item of the month for April is can openers. 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 Diana Johnson and Ann Fayles.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 29 for a spaghetti feast fund-raiser** following worship. Proceeds go to the Camp and Conference fund. If you'd like to bring something, sign-up is in the hallway.

You're invited to a special presentation on supporting ministry through Legacy Giving, hosted by Dwight Mission and Texas Presbyterian Foundation.

April 24, 2018 - 7PM -Memorial Presbyterian Church - Norman, OK

SUNDAY April 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

TUESDAY April 17

7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY April 18

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

4:00 P.M. - Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir

SUNDAY April 22

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10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. - Worship Service