

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 3, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Lord God of the nations,
you have revealed your will to all people
and promised us your saving help.
May we hear and do what you command,
that the power of evil may be overcome
by the gift of your healing grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Dearest Jesus, We Are Here J.S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
God made the sabbath as a gift for us,
and Jesus Christ is Lord of the sabbath.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above Hymnal, No. 645

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Holy, triune God, we confess
that we have not lived for your glory.
You call us to love and serve you,
but we do not heed your voice.
You offer us restoration in Christ,
but we turn away from your good gifts.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Reveal the treasure of heavenly life
hidden in our fragile human hearts,
so that your love may shine in us;
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

Larry Upton

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

ANTHEM

You Walk With Me

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:23-3:6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Clay Jars and Hard Hearts

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Hymnal, No. 688

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

When Thou Art Near

J.S. Bach

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

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Jesus Calls Us

Hymnal, No. 720

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major

J.S. Bach

*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 May 13: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for May is jelly and mac 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 Ross Robinson and Jeff Roesel.

Communion servers for today's service are Diana Johnson, Lucy Lanning, Larry Upton, Ross Robinson.

We welcome **Mary Doezema** as our guest organist today.

VBS will be July 16-19. A planning meeting will be held Monday June, 11 at 6pm

We will also hold a church-wide garage sale on **August 4th**, so start gathering those items that are ready to be loved by another family! More details to come.

We have a new prayer chain! Just send an email to MPCprayerchain@gmail.com with "Add Me" in the subject

SUNDAY

June 3

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

WEDNESDAY

June 6

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

June 10

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
12:00 P.M. – Honoring the Graduates