

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 10, 2018

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of days,  
we praise your name, for your grace sustains us.  
We wait for you, Lord, for your word strengthens us.  
Our outer nature is wasting away day by day,  
but our inner nature is being renewed by your  
daily bread.  
Grant us the eyes to see what cannot be seen and to  
gaze on what is eternal.  
May we revel in your work  
and be a visible witness of your invisible kingdom.  
In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

People of God, hope in the Lord,

**for with the Lord there is steadfast love.**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

This Is My Father's World

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Holy, triune God, we confess  
that we have not lived for your glory.**

**You claim us as your people,  
but we seek out other saviors.**

**You welcome us into your house,  
but we bring conflict and division.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Restore and rebuild us  
so that we may be ready to live  
in the eternal home you promise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Time of silent reflection)

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

We believe and so we proclaim:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*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

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Lucy Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

ANTHEM

God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:20-35

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

A Divided House

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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\*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*

COMMISSIONING GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER--Melissa Gill  
(Please see insert)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**  
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Like Mary, John and Magdalene

\*POSTLUDE

\*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 June 17: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for June is **cereal**. 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 Loreen Upton and Diana Johnson.

We welcome **Mandy Jiran** as our guest musician today.

**VBS will be July 16-19 from 6pm-8pm.**

A **VBS 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

**The General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church (USA)** will have its meeting June 16-23 in St. Louis, MO. Our own Melissa Gill will be representing our presbytery as a commissioner to the meeting. If you are interested in following the work of the GA, please go to [ga-pcusa.org](http://ga-pcusa.org) for more information and a link to the live stream. The Saturday opening worship is always a highlight of the week, as is the election of the moderator.

**SUNDAY** **June 10**

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

**MONDAY** **June 11**

6:00 P.M. – VBS Planning Meeting

**WEDNESDAY** **June 13**

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY** **June 17**

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

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Gal. 3:27-28, Eph. 4:1-6

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the**

**truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Melissa, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. God has called you to particular service as a commissioner to General Assembly.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading this sister in Christ to this time and place. Establish her in your truth, and guide her by your Holy Spirit, that in your service she may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever.

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Be with members of the General Assembly. Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world and to respect old things you keep and use. In their deliberation, bring about what is best for us and for all people. As they meet, let your Holy Spirit guide so that the whole church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.**

CHARGE

Colossians 3:17 Melissa, our sister in Christ, you are commissioned to the service for which you have been chosen. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

BLESSING

1 Thessalonians 5:23 May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia! Amen.**