Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Holy God,
you confound the world's wisdom
by giving your kingdom to the lowly
and pure in heart.
Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice
and perseverance in striving for peace,
that by our words and deeds
the world may see the promise of your kingdom,
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude Alexandre Guilmant

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSIP

We have traveled to this holy place,

to worship God together.

We have come seeking a word from God,

a whisper of assurance from the One who calls us.

We have come longing for a glimpse of God,

or a glimpse of the world the way God sees it.

Through our worship, music, learning, and laughter,

may God focus our sight through the lens of God's love.

Let us worship God together!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Here in This Place

Hymnal, No. 401

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Before we were formed in the womb, O God, you knew us and you loved us. Before we have uttered a prayer, O God, you hear us and you love us.

You call us to reflect your love, to be Love for one another.

Too often, we are clanging symbols, aiming for volume rather than love.

Too often, we are greedy beings, searching for success rather than love.

Too often, we are shallow followers, content with comfort rather than love.

Forgive us, God of mercy, and love us into wholeness.

(Time of silent reflection)

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 Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah1:4-10 Page No. 609

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 13:1-13 Page No. 934

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Known, Claimed and Loved Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Though I May Speak Hymnal, No. 693

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... O God of grace, bless us with peace.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Offertory Alexandre Guilmant

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

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD-CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM See the Bread, See the Wine

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.

...Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. **Amen**.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE COMMUNION MUSIC

Communion Alexandre Guilmant

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Jesus Call Us Hymnal, No. 720

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION Go with us Lord

*POSTLUDE Sonata I- III. Fina Alexandre Guilmant

*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 February 10: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for February is **juice**. 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 Carl and Julie Forthman.

Join us following worship for a Soup Potluck. Annual Congregational Meeting to follow. All are welcome!

SUNDAY February 3

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:00 P.M. – Annual Congregational Meeting and potluck

WEDNESDAY February 6

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 P.M. - Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir

SUNDAY February 10

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. - Worship Service