

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1st Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God Most High,
thank you for signs of your power and grace,
shown to us even in the wilderness.
Give us courage to stand firm in your Word
in every time of trial and testing,
that we may enter the land of your freedom
and receive the salvation you so generously give;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude, Fugue, and Variation: I. Prelude César Franck

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
The word of God is near to us.
Call on the Lord and you will be saved.

*LITANY FOR LENT

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are always faithful,
even when we betray you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you claim us as your own,
even when we deny you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you clothe us in your righteousness,
even when we give you a crown of thorns.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

(Time of silent reflection)

*SONG OF PRAISE I Believe in God the Father Hymnal No. 481

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of grace and mercy,
you create a new order for our lives:
service before success,
faith before knowledge,
partnership over independence,
the cross over the crown.
Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world,**

**rejecting your call through our action or inaction.
Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world
in the light of your great love.
Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.**
(Time of silent reflection)

***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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Hymnal, No. 582, v. 1

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Joan Cole

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nicholas Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 91

Hymnal, No. 43

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10:8b-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Choices

Tracy L. Evans

***SONG OF FAITH**

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Hymnal, No. 712

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience,
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith,
repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Improvisation

*DOXOLOGY

Praise to God the Father

Hymnal, No. 605

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM

The Last 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.

...joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Sung Response:

Hymnal No. 552

**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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...as we share this joyful feast.

Sung Response: Hymnal No. 553

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Sung Response: Hymnal No. 554

Amen. Amen. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Improvisation

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG All Glory, Laud, and Honor Hymnal No. 196

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Hymnal, No. 582, v. 2

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*POSTLUDE Trio Sonata No. 4, BWV 528- III. Un Poco Allegro 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 March 17: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for March is **peanut butter**. 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 Trudy Beard and Ann Fayles.

Communion servers for today's service are Nick Lindley, Grace Tamukong, Ann Fayles, Linda Eckel.



Please join Tracy for a **Lent Bible study** on Mondays, March 11-April 15, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Study will be *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, by author, professor and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine. Books are available for \$12. Sign up outside Tracy's office.

Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser for Camps and Conferences! Plan to stay after worship and enjoy a spaghetti lunch on **March 31**.

