

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

You hear the cries of your people
for justice and mercy;
you answer our prayers
with the gift of your Son,
who bears our burdens
and sets us free.
Speak your truth to us;
purge and refine us;
that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Introit

Henry Kihlken

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.

**From sunrise to sunset,
may the name of the Lord be praised.**

God raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of God's people.**

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants!

Praise the name of the Lord.

*SONG OF PRAISE

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

Hymnal, No. 13

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**O Christ, your love is without limit;
you gave your very life for us.
Forgive us, Lord, when we your people
are hesitant to share even the smallest of our gifts.**

**O Christ, you model a life of service,
always attentive to the ones in need.**

**Forgive us, Lord, when we your people
refuse to hear the cries of our neighbors.**

**O Christ, you call us into community,
joining the church in one faith, one baptism.**

**Forgive us, Lord, when we fail
to live up to your calling.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and remake us
into your faithful people.**

(Time of silent reflection)

...that our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

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

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 79:1-9

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.

They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.

How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.

For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.

Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

ANTHEM

On the Jericho Road

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-13

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Being Faithful in Much

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Change My Heart, O God

Hymnal, No. 695

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Following the Joys and Concerns, the Prayers of Intercession will include guided moments of silent reflection.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight James Biery

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

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG The Lord Is God Hymnal, No. 63

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*POSTLUDE All Creatures of Our God and King James Woodman

*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 September 29: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for September is **pasta and pasta sauce**. 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 & Ann Fayles.

Please help us gather the following items recommended by our own educator – Jo Beth Bailey. These are things that teachers constantly need and run out of, because they don't get contributed as much as more conventional supplies for students: Hand sanitizer; Bleach wipes; Lysol spray; Baby wipes; Kleenex; Paper towels; Coffee filters (used as snack bowls); Card stock – 8 ½ by 11" - white & colors; Painter's tape and Packing tape. There are lists on the bulletin board in the hallway to help you shop. We will collect your contributions and deliver them to Kennedy and Jackson Schools. You can also, of course, contribute cash or a check; please annotate it for "School Supplies."

World Communion is always a special worship service at Memorial. This year October 6 will be no exception. Following worship we will be having an **international potluck**. **You are invited to bring food from many cultures.**

SUNDAY

September 22

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

MONDAY

September 23

6:30 P.M. – Music & Worship Committee meeting

WEDNESDAY

September 25

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jan Cunningham
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Alice Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Gene Thrailkill
Jona Thiessen
Devyn Upton
Karen Upton
Janann Yeager
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

John Beck whose mother Mary Jean died on August 19.
Donna Vint whose husband Harry Wright died on July 7.

Carl Forthman whose mother Betty Forthman died on July 1.

Seminary Graduate

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

Birthdays

September 24– Melissa Gill
September 28– Lucy Lanning

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week:

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

We are **thankful** for:

- the distinctive rhythms, music, dance, food and natural medicine in this area
- the beauty of the region, forests, mountains, rivers, lakes, and ocean coastlines, and especially indigenous peoples' relationship with, and care for, the natural environment
- churches who witness and work both ecumenically and with those of other faiths to build relationships of trust and commitment amid ongoing injustice and oppression
- the diversity of languages and cultures flourishing in the region despite disruptions that have occurred through colonization, and political and economic turmoil.

We **pray** for:

- Christians to have the courage, imagination and energy to build bridges of peace and understanding against conflict and division, and to pursue justice for the poor, marginalized and dispossessed
- an end of corruption in all levels of the society, including economic exploitation which impoverishes and hinders economic growth from benefitting all.
- immigrants and refugees seeking a new home, and those who accompany and support them
- coca farmers to find sustainable incomes from other crops, for an end to drug trafficking, and effective assistance for those who are addicted.