# **Memorial Presbyterian Church**

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022

### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Surprising God,
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you make all things new.
Long ago you called your church
to a love beyond all social and cultural differences
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to open their hearts to enact such love.
Give us that same spirit of openness,
that we too might discern new directions in our day
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE We are Standing on Holy Ground David Marvel, Organist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.

Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

> for people near and people far, for people present and people to come, for the young and for those wise with age.

Come, let us praise the Lord; come, let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE Let Us Build a House Hymnal, No. 301

# \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

We admit, holy God,

that we find it hard to hear your promise of new life.

Even when we are dissatisfied with our lives.

it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown.

You challenge us to accept people who are different from us,

but we are not eager to associate with them.

You command us to love one another,

but some people are not loveable.

O God, melt our defenses so we can accept your love and let it flow through us.

Grant us courage to embrace newness.

(Time of silent reflection)

This is good news!

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

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Melissa Gill

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Revelation 21:1-6

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** 

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

John 13:31-35

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE New Things Tracy L. Evans

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Trey Neal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**PRESENTATION** 

There is one body and one Spirit,

just as you were called

to the one hope of your calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### \*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### THE BAPTISM

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ. **Alleluia! Amen!** Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. **Amen.** 

\*SONG OF FAITH Child of Blessing, Child of Promise Hymnal, No. 486

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response... God of new life, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

#### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG To God Be the Glory Hymnal, No. 634

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE I Love You, Lord

\*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 22: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **May 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.

We have kids going to camp! They'll go to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock, AR on June 12 for the week. If you'd like to contribute to our Camp and Conference Fund, we have an **Envelope Fundraiser** starting this week. No cookies to buy! No rummage sales! No raffles! Pick an envelope from the hallway, put the suggested amount of money in it and either put in the offering plate or leave in the office.

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# Let Us Build a House



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