

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

May 4, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Selfless Christ,
though we rejected your teachings,
you poured out your life for us anyway.
In your resurrection,
you continue to nourish us
with your steadfast love
and the power of your Spirit.
Enliven our hearts,
that we might share the nourishment
we have received and feed your people. Amen.*

PRELUDE Prelude on This Joyful Eastertide Emma Lou Diemer

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We glorify you, O Lord,
for you have lifted us up.

**O Lord, our God, we cried out to you,
and you healed us**

Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones,
and praise God's holy name.

**For God's anger is but for a moment,
but God's favor is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

**O God, you have turned our mourning
into dancing!
Let us worship God!**

*SONG OF PRAISE Lift High the Cross Hymnal, No. 826

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray together:

**Generous God,
in Jesus you have shown us love—
love that seeks,
love that suffers,
love that survives all things.
You call us, even command us,
to show that love in our lives.
Yet we turn away
from what you would have us do.
We confess that the ways of love
are not our ways.
We deny and ignore,
hurt and hate,
despise and reject.**

**Have mercy on us.
Help us to receive your love
so that we can love others.
Help us to receive your love
so that we can love ourselves.**
(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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Julie Forthman

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-6

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

**By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;**

you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

**To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:**

"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?"

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth

and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

ANTHEM

Now to Praise the Name of Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

Page No. 883

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A Meal with Jesus

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

Come to the Table

Hymnal, No. 508

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Life in Christ is life eternal.

The resurrection of Jesus is the sign

that God will consummate the work

of creation and reconciliation beyond death

and bring to fulfillment

the new life begun in Christ.

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

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 the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Longing for Christ We Wait in Darkness Hymnal, No. 314

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Fanfare on I Know that My Redeemer Lives Jan Bender

*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 11: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for May are razors and combs. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

Are you looking for a spiritual jumpstart? You are invited to the weekly Wednesday Devotion, sponsored by the Task Force studying the creation of a new statewide Oklahoma Presbytery.

This is a weekly Zoom held on Wednesdays 9:00-10:00, each led by a different church leader from around the state. Join others from around the state in this.

Zoom link can be found on the Indian Nations Presbytery website at <http://www.okinp.org>

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry. *to Refrain*

Come to the Table

식탁에 와서



*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God,
 2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.
 3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.



Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:
 My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.
 Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.



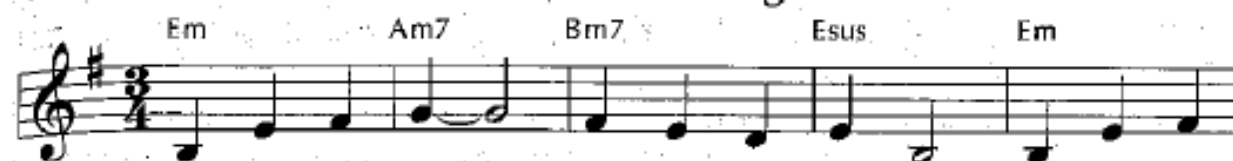
Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.
 Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,
 Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.



Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.
 for you are mine, and I am your Lord.
 With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



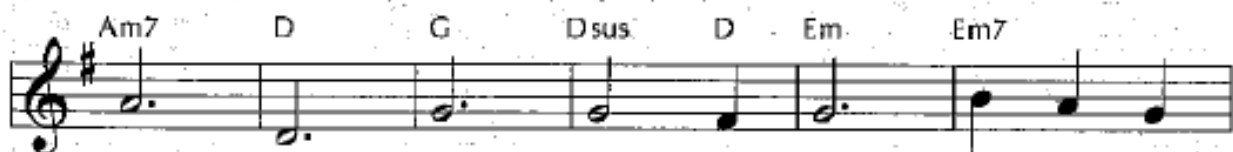
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.