

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

### A Blessing for Impossible Delight

Bless the moment that catches you off guard—  
a laugh, a moment of levity,  
a sudden lift.  
Bless the laughter that feels almost wrong,  
and the delight that doesn't match the circumstances.  
May you notice all that is unnecessary and beautiful—  
the ridiculous, the fleeting, the most-alive.  
And when joy feels impossible,  
may it find you (or you find it) anyway.

-By Kate Bowler from Everything Happens

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

Domenico Scarlatti

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Lovett

We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

**our hearts a shelter for the outcast;  
our hands open to the stranger.**

We are God's people, created in the divine image:

**to tell others of God's love,  
to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

**chosen to serve the lost and lonely,  
gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Hymnal, No. 4

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of compassionate mercy,  
your grace and love extend to all people.  
We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us.  
Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon.  
We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace.  
We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power.  
We become narrow in our quest for truth,  
and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice.  
Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness  
from those we have made beg us for mercy.  
Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace  
as we follow you.**

*(Time for 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.**



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...Remembering your goodness and grace,  
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude  
as we share this joyful feast.

**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

Christ is Alive!

Hymnal, No. 246

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Emperor's Fanfare

Antonio Soler

\*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. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for May 10 Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

The Food & Shelter items for May are socks and deodorant. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

We are trying to move all volunteer notifications to text or email. **The text number for the church is 405-914-9059**