



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2013

*Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship.  
Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O God, we honor this day the majesty and the mystery of your name.

You are both infinite and intimate, known and unknowable,  
transcendent and transparent. In love, you have made us your own,  
and invite us to join in your divine dance. We will never rest until we rest in you,  
Blessed Trinity, one God forever and ever. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE            *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*            Callahan

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, when God drew a circle  
on the face of the deep,

**Wisdom was there rejoicing, delighting in the human race.**

In the beginning was the Word, with God,  
and the Word was God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
full of grace and truth.**

In every time and place, God's love is poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**Blessed are you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE            *Come, Thou Almighty King*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Triune God,**

**within your own life there is mutuality, equality,  
and unity in diversity.**

**Though we are made in your image,**

**we confess that we distort the triune life.**

**Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good,  
we seek our own gain.**

**Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect,  
we construct systems that are unjust.**

**We devise ways to elevate ourselves over others,  
and disrespectful thoughts, words, and actions  
still surface in us.**

**We allow differences to divide us and lead to brokenness.**

**Holy God, forgive us.**

**Restore in us, and in our life together,  
the divine image you intend.**

**Make us tender in mutuality.**

**Make us generous in equality.**

**Make us grateful in diversity.**

**We pray to be one with you and one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ.

Because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit,

we are set free to love God and neighbor,  
and to work for the reconciliation of the world.

**We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Thanks be to God!**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

\*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.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-5

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

John 16:12-15

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Franz Schubert

MESSAGE

*The Mysterious Trinity*

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

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SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE A Prayer in the wake of the May 20 tornado

O God of love, whose Spirit in creation moved over the face of chaos, bringing life: hear our prayers, as we bear witness this day to the awful power of wind, whose might raged over your people in Oklahoma, changing lives and landscapes in an instant. Even now, as first responders still labor to seek those who are lost and succor those who are bereaved and bereft, even as stories of terror and hurt are still unfolding,

**We touch your hand of mercy.**

In teachers who sheltered with their bodies the children entrusted to their care, as you, O God, like a mother hen spread her wings over her people Israel:

**We see your face, and feel your tender embrace.**

In neighbors who rallied to one another's need, in houses of worship which opened their doors to give shelter, in volunteers who set their personal needs aside to assist those in grave danger and those awaiting a hand of compassion

**We feel the heart of your compassion.**

In the courageous resolve of first responders, who listen for cries in the dark, dig through the rubble, tenderly bind up wounds and comfort the bereaved,

**We experience the steadfastness of your love.**

We are grateful for the signs of your presence in responders, neighbors, strangers and families of faith, who come together as one common body to save, support, and salve the wounds of those who suffer.

**For all these visible signs of your invisible grace, we bless your name.**

Our Rock and Redeemer, who from the bonds of death rose to resurrection life for the sake of Love, be a strong presence among those who, having survived this chaos, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days:

**Be in us and through our prayers and actions a source of holy comfort and a channel of healing grace.**

**May the peace of God move through us, the rest of God abide with those who have endured terrors and sorrow, and, in the season of rebuilding, may the life of God bring out of formless chaos, a new creation. Amen.**

*---the Rev. Dr. Laurie A. Kraus, Coordinator, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Healey Willan

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

\*POSTLUDE

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Robert Hobby

\*Those who are able may stand.

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 June 2: 1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29), 30-39; Psalm 96; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10.

**The Urban Mission items** of the month for **May are cereal and dried milk**. The item of the month for June will be boxed crackers. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Please join us after worship for a brief **memorial service** at the columbarium.

The **church office** will be closed on Friday afternoons during the summer, beginning this week. The office will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day.

You are invited to a **baby shower** for Michael and Rachel Klenda, Sunday, June 2 at 2:00 P.M. The Klendas have registered for their baby girl at Target and BuyBuyBaby.com.

**Vacation Bible School** will be June 17-20, 6-8 P.M. Invite your neighbors, kids and grandkids to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to help out.

**SUNDAY**

**May 26**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:00 P.M. – Memorial Service at the Columbarium

**MONDAY**

**May 27**

Office closed for Memorial Day

**WEDNESDAY**

**May 29**

7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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