



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 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

*Holy God,
you alone are worthy of honor and praise.
Open our eyes to see the world as you see it.
Give us the wisdom to witness your presence
in all people.
Transform us in love,
grow us in our faith,
call us to love with a full heart
and to share your promises with all people. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Two Chorale Preludes on
Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

J. S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to service,
rather than honor.

God call us to love the unknown,
rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship,
trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves
and mock the humble.**

**We choose to believe we are self-sufficient
rather than trust in your strength.**

**Open us to your spirit,
that we might serve all people
without regard to the outcome,
devoting ourselves to your honor alone.**

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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*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

Hebrews 13:1-8

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Take a Seat

Tracy L. Evans

ANTHEM

A Celtic Thanksgiving

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Pastorale

Jean Langlais

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

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DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION SONG

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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OPENING SENTENCES

PRAYER

You found out what we were doing and you intervened. 'Come and do it together, come and do it with me,' you said.

So, thank you, Lord, for intervening in our private lives.

You promised us nothing by way of success, recognition, possessions or reward. 'These things will come at the right time when you walk with me,' you said.

So, thank you, Lord, for promising us nothing.

You gave us no resources apart from ourselves—hands meant for caring, lips meant for praising, hearts meant for loving—and the Holy Spirit to make us restless until we change.

So, thank you, Lord, for the essential gifts.

Then just when we think we've got it right as to where we should go and what we should do; just when we're ready to take on the world, you come, like a beggar, to our back door, saying, 'This is the way. I am the way.' And offering us bread and wine.

So, thank you, Lord, for coming again and keeping your word, and showing you care for us and for all people. Amen.

INVITATION

THE STORY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...So now, in gratitude, we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, as we come to share the richness of your table, we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry. Your world is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment.

Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.

We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty. The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.

Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.

We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war.

Show us quickly, Lord, how to turn weapons into welcome signs and the lust for power into a desire for peace.

We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our division. We are one in spirit, but not in fact. History and hurt still dismember us.

Lord, heal your church in every brokenness...

...Take this—all of you—to remember me.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace.

SHARING THE MEAL

CONCLUDING PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *There's a Spirit in the Air* 433

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING
CHORAL BENEDICTION *Together Met, Together Bound*

*POSTLUDE *Allegro maestoso* Felix Mendelsson

*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 September 8: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

The Urban Mission item of the month for September is **peanut butter**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Today's **communion liturgy** is taken from the work of the Iona Community in Scotland.

Pastor Evans will lead a **Thursday morning Bible study** starting this Thursday, September 5. Meeting in the library at 10:30 A.M., this will be an informal study—feel free to come when you are able.

Please join us for the **Fall Sunday School kick off** next Sunday, September 8. From 9:30 to 10:30 we will have breakfast and enjoy an inter-generational program designed to help children, youth, adults, and older adults get to know one another better.

After worship next Sunday, the Fellowship & Hospitality committee will host a **Pot-luck Lunch** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite pot-luck dish to share. Even if you do not bring anything, please join us—all are welcome and we will have plenty of food.

The **Memorial Youth Group** (MY Group) begins its fall activities on September 8. Youth will enjoy fun, fellowship and a shared meal from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. The MY Group leader is Joan Cole and MY Group will meet at the church, in the Fellowship Hall, twice a month. **Attention adults**—we need volunteers to provide meals for the youth group. Please call Joan Cole to sign up.

Contribution statements are available to pick up in the narthex following worship. Please help us save a stamp by picking up yours today.

SUNDAY **September 1**
9:30 A.M. – No Sunday School for Children
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service - Communion

MONDAY **September 2**
Office closed for Labor Day

WEDNESDAY **September 4**
7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY **September 5**
10:00 A.M. – Serve at Food for Friends
10:30 A.M. – Pastor's Bible Study

SUNDAY **September 8**
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School Kick-Off
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
12:00 P.M. – Pot-luck Lunch
5:00 P.M. – Memorial Youth Group