



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

May 25, 2014

*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

*Loving God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
help us to choose life in you,  
that we may keep the commands of Jesus,  
follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit,  
and witness to the hope that is within us,  
sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*                      Gordon Young

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Some have worshiped unknown gods,  
in temples made by human hands.

**We worship the living God,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Some have searched the whole world  
to find direction in their lives.

**We worship the One who is here,  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ.**

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Living God, we confess  
that we look for the living among the dead.  
You made the heavens and earth,  
but we worship our own devices.  
You send your Spirit to guide us,  
but we try to find our own way.  
Forgive us; give us new life!  
Renew the promise of our baptism  
and make us ready to receive  
the life that death cannot destroy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*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*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

John 14:15-21

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**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*We Sing Glory to God!*

MESSAGE

*The Promise of the Presence*

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH	<i>I Long for Your Commandments</i>	64
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
Apostles' Creed		Hymnal, p. 35
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		
The Lord be with you.		
<b>And also with you.</b>		
Let us give thanks to God who listens		
and gives heed to our prayers.		
<b>We praise and we bless you,</b>		
<b>our true and loving God.</b>		
... Lord in your mercy, <b>receive our prayer.</b>		
The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 35
THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	<i>Tempo di Menuetto, con Variazioni</i>	Franz Josef Haydn
	from Sonata no. 30 in A major	
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	606
DEDICATION PRAYER		

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

*SENDING SONG	<i>You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim</i>	299
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Then On, Ye Pure in Heart!</i>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	Healey Willan

\*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 1: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10. 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

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

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

**Ushers** for today's service are Linda Eckel and Loreen Upton.

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Botswana and Zimbabwe. We give thanks for the Christian Council of Botswana and the Zimbabwe Council of Churches; for choir festivals where singers join together in praise of Christ; and for those working for a better democracy in Zimbabwe. We pray for the leaders of government and their success in bringing economic progress, education and health care to their people; for those who are displaced by "land reform"; for reconciliation between the races in Zimbabwe, leading to a society of equality and respect; for AIDS orphans; and for hope for those who have little to hope for.

**SUNDAY**

**May 25**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**MONDAY**

**May 26**

Office Closed for Memorial Day

**WEDNESDAY**

**May 28**

6:30 P.M. – Worship & Music Meeting

**THURSDAY**

**May 29**

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library  
7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY**

**June 1**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service - Communion