

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.
St. Hippolytus (AD 190-236)

PRELUDE

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!
By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell,
and destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead,
and brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners,
and filled the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and
apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives as your new creation.

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;**

**we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**
(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6 Page No. 641
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 Page No. 492
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acts 10:34-43 Page No. 895
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM See, What a Morning Bruce Greer

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10 Page No. 811
The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Now What? Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! 251
vs. 1,2,4 & 5; **bells alone vs. 3**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed Hymnal, p. 34

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Awake, My Heart with Gladness

Ernst Pepping

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

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.

According to his commandment:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

The Strife is O'er

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING
CHORAL BENEDICTION

Alleluia

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Diane Bish

*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.

Special thanks to our musicians:

The members of the Chancel Choir

Nicholas Lindley, trumpet

Bell choir members: Alice Lanning, Michael Yeager, Lucy Lanning, Nicholas Lindley, Devyn Upton

Lectionary Readings for April 16: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

The Urban Mission item of the month for **April** is **Soup**. Please place your donations in the box in the hall.

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

Cameroonian Orphanage Clothing Drive

One way that our church can help kids affected by unrest in Cameroon right now is by providing clothing. A large box is in the coat area as you enter the sanctuary from now thru May. Gently used or new clothing for all ages of children would be appreciated. Have fun looking for bargains and in closets!

You are invited to our Envelope Fundraiser for our Camp and Conference Fund. Pick an envelope off the bulletin board in the hall.

Can you help? We have 7-8 youth attending Youth Quake April 28-30. We need some help with transportation and supervision. See Tracy if you're interested.

Please join us on Friday, April 21st at 6pm for a **Young Adult Gathering at Hideaway Pizza**, 577 Buchanan Ave., Norman OK.

Mark your calendars for May 7th for a **Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser**.

SUNDAY **April 16**

9:00 A.M. – Easter Potluck & Egg hunt

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service- Communion

TUESDAY **April 18**

7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY **April 19**

3:15 p.m. – Kids' Club

4:00 p.m. – Children's Choir

6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

FRIDAY **April 21**

6:00 p.m. – Young Adult Gathering, Hideaway

SUNDAY **April 23**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

12:00 p.m. – Deacon Meeting