

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*You opened your mouth and uttered a word  
and creation sprang forth in abundance.*

*Let us open our mouths in praise,  
that we may bear fruit in every season  
and be satisfied by your goodness,  
for you, O God, are the source of all growth;  
your grace abounds forever. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Psalm 42

Johann Worp

As the deer thirsts for water springs, so thirsts my soul for Thee, O God.

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The word of the Lord will not return empty;

**it will accomplish all that God intends.**

Let us worship God.

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

What Is This Place

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#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Faithful God, your word falls on  
hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and  
attachment to wealth  
crowd out your place in our lives.  
Forgive our frail and human ways  
and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness,  
for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.**

(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

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING                      Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 25:19-34

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Romans 8:1-11

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**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Spread The Word

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God is the one  
who wishes to bring about justice  
and true peace among people.  
We believe that God,  
in a world full of injustice and enmity,  
is in a special way  
the God of the destitute,  
the poor, and the wronged.**

*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Melody in G Major

Alexandre Guilmant

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**SUNDAY**

**July 16**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

**TUESDAY**

**July 18**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

**SUNDAY**

**July 23**

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

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**LESS ACCESS TO CARE MEANS MORE INCARCERATION**

**Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama**



had the **least** access to care  
and **highest** rates of imprisonment

There are over **57,000 people** with mental health conditions  
in prison and jail in those states alone  
**that's enough to fill Madison Square Garden**



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**times**