

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

September 3, 2017

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*In the flaming bush  
you promised deliverance to your people, O God,  
and in the cross of Jesus  
you embraced our suffering and pain.  
In times of misery,  
show us the transforming power of your love  
that we may know the hope of your glory. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Living Bread from Heaven

Donal Busarow

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Let us worship God!**

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of mercy,  
we confess that, like the disciples,  
we set our minds not on divine things  
but on human things.  
Doubting your loving care, we grab for  
more than we need.  
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink  
from living as your followers.  
Doubting your loving plan, we become  
stumbling blocks in your creation.  
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,  
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray.**  
(Time for 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                      John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING  
Exodus 3:1-15                      Page No. 44

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 16:21-28                      Page No. 798

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MESSAGE                      At a Crossroads                      Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH                      Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said                      718

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God  
brings justice to the oppressed  
and gives bread to the hungry.  
We believe that God  
frees the prisoner  
and restores sight to the blind.  
We believe that God  
supports the downtrodden,  
protects the stranger,  
helps orphans and widows,  
and blocks the path of the ungodly.**

*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
The Lord's Prayer                      Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY                      Scherzo on St. Denio                      Carile Schnable

\*DOXOLOGY                      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow                      606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

### SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM                      A Communion Invitation

A LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE STORY

THE GREAT PRAYER

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...singing the hymn of your everlasting glory:

**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.**

THE FRACTION

INVITATION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG                      Will You Let Me Be Your Servant                      727

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

\*POSTLUDE

Praeludium I

Hermann Schroeder

\*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 10: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

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

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

**Ushers** for today's service are John and Susan Beck.

**Communion servers** for today's service are Susan and John Beck, Michael Yeager and Esau Jangha.

**MPC is collecting school supplies and non-perishable reasonably healthy snacks for Jackson Elementary**, our neighborhood school. A list of needed supplies is in the hallway.

**Kids Club begins** Wednesday, September 6. See Holly Van Auken or Tracy Evans for more info.

Fall kick off potluck breakfast **September 10**.

**SUNDAY**

**September 3**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**September 6**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club  
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir  
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY**

**September 10**

9:30 A.M. – Breakfast Potluck  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service  
12:05 P.M. – Worship Meeting