Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Holy God, you are present here and now.
You speak to us.
The words of scripture touch your presence,
stirring deep within us.
You call us to life, to new life, to life in your Spirit.
You call us to serve and to witness.
Help us to listen, to hear and to be transformed.
We open ourselves to your presence and your truth. Amen.

PRELUDE Pastorale Charles Wesley

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Vince Leseney

Before the earth was formed,

we were chosen by God to be God's people.

God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.

Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

Christ gathers us together that we might carol the good news of redemption.

Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

The Spirit gathers us together that we might dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.

*SONG OF PRAISE What a Friend We Have in Jesus Hymnal, No. 465

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

We would sing praises to you, Composer of our lives, but we remember the harsh words we used toward a friend this week. We would learn your healing hymns of grace, but the broken chords of our anger and pain echo deep within us. We would dance in the circle of your love, but we recall how quickly we turned and ran when offered opportunities to serve your people.

Forgive us, Gifter of every blessing.

Open our hearts and fill us with your mercy.

Open our ears that we may hear the songs of grace you would teach us to share with the world.

Open our eyes that we may see the hope we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our inheritance of love and joy.

(Time of silent reflection)

Before the earth was shaped, God created the music of grace which sets our hearts, our souls, our feet to dancing with joy in the hope God has given to us.

It is God who has created us,

it is God who has redeemed us,

and it is God who sends us forth to live as brothers and sisters of Christ.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*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 to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Joan Cole

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:14-29

Page No. 817

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of alory may come in.

Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 Page No. 949

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Seeking the Heavenly Places Tylar Gregg-Grant

*SONG OF FAITH The Days Are Surely Coming Hymnal, No. 357

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;

for we know that all things work together for good

for those who love God,

who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... By your Spirit, O God, transform our lives.

LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, p. 35

Please pray the Lord's Prayer

in the language and wording most familiar to you.

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Holy, Holy, Holy Hymnal, No. 1

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Voluntary in G Henry Heron

*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.

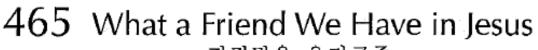
Lectionary Readings for July 21: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37; Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

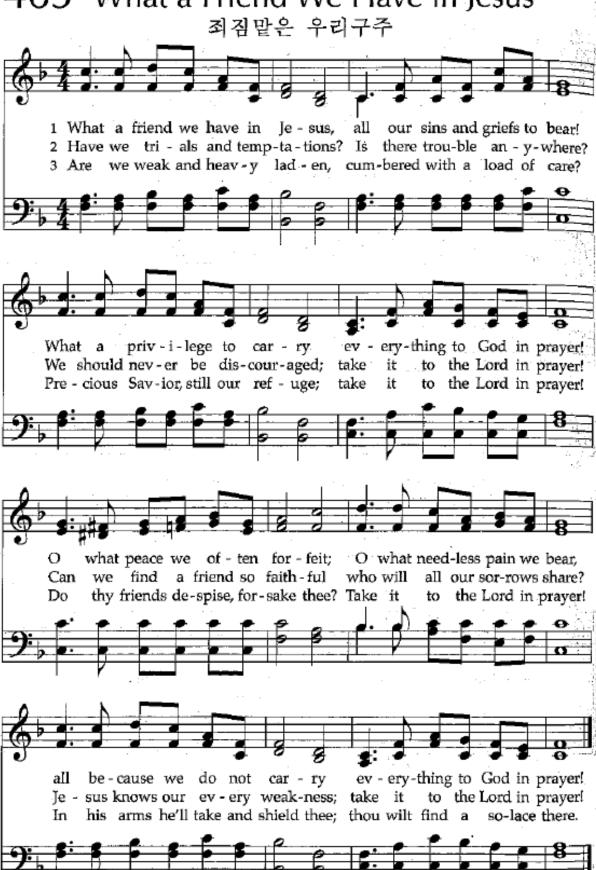
The Food & Shelter items of the month for July are sunscreen and bug spray. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

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

Mark your calendar!! Sunday, July 21st right after worship, join us for a cookout. We will be grilling up burgers and hot dogs. Bring a side or dessert to share OR just an appetite. Come for the worship. Stay for the food and fellowship.

Tylar Grant is a proud Norman resident and candidate for ordination in the PCUSA Indian Nations Presbytery. She received her M.Div. from Saint Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University in May of 2023, graduating with a specialization in Women, Society, and Church Studies. She is passionate about spiritual care and education, serving in a church setting for 5 years prior to her calling to chaplaincy in the summer of 2023. Today Tylar serves as a chaplain resident at the Oklahoma City VA, where she is blessed to serve our country's veterans in a myriad of ways including group facilitation, bedside spiritual care, and weekly services. Her hope is to continue this calling for the foreseeable future, and is pursuing a chaplain fellowship researching the effects of grief and trauma on self-esteem and spiritual practice over the next year. Tylar resides in West Norman with her husband Spencer, their dog Kit, and many many houseplants.





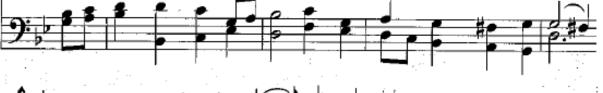
2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom-ised one,

3 The days are sure-ly com - ing when we will know at last

when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth, when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun, the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.



My righ-teous-ness and jus-tice will spread through-out the land Though earth and heav-en trem-ble, stand up and do not fear, Then righ-teous-ness and jus-tice will spread through-out the land



and you will be de-liv-ered by my al-might-y hand, for I am your re-deem-er, and I am draw-ing near, and we will be de-liv-ered by God's al-might-y hand.



1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



