



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2013

*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

O God, you love justice and you establish peace on earth.
We bring before you the disunity of today's world:
the absurd violence, and the many wars,
which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world;
militarism and the armaments race, which are threatening life on the planet;
human greed and injustice, which breed hatred and strife.
Send your Spirit and renew the face of the earth;
teach us to be compassionate toward the whole human family;
strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace;
lead all nations into the path of peace,
and give us that peace which the world cannot give. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

Siyahamba
Santo, Santo
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

LUYH 56
LUYH 47
LUYH 28

BRINGING THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The world belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.
How good and lovely it is
to live together in unity.

Love and justice come together,
justice and peace join hands.

If the Lord's disciples keep silent
**the very stones themselves would shout aloud that our world
belongs to God and God is building a global hope.**

Open our lips, O God,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Many and Great

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors,
we gather here today as a rebellious people.

We want to act out your intentions for us,
but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world.

You tell us to honor Creation
**but we use other people, animals, and plants for our
own gain.**

You offer bread to every living creature,
**and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in
the name of greed.**

You promise us new life,
**but we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death-
dealing ways.**

Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet.
We need your healing presence among us,
that your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled
at last.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*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

Heleluyan/Alleluia

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 17:5-10

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Good Treasure Entrusted to You

Tracy L. Evans

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves**

and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM

Gabi, Gabi

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Allegro giocoso

Andrew Carter

SEALING THE WORD - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

To God be the glory:
great things God has done!
To prepare ourselves to partake of this Holy Meal, let us pray:

Healing God,
we come before you
broken, yet seeking wholeness,
isolated, yet seeking community,
overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity,
shamed, yet seeking grace:

God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

God of Justice,
we come before you
selfish, yet seeking a generous heart,
arrogant, yet seeking humility,
responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

God of Peace,
we come before you
afraid, yet seeking assurance,
agitated, yet seeking serenity,
angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:

God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

Knowing that through Christ
all things are made new,
we come to this communion table
to be recreated through the bread and cup, and
to be renewed in our faith and commitment.

God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you.

**This we pray through Jesus the Christ,
our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

...With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you, saying:
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

Bless this bread, we pray.

May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world.

Bless this cup, we pray.

May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

With thanksgiving,

let us celebrate our new life in Christ

giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer:

Loving and gracious God,

thank you for this holy meal.

Thank you for Jesus and

his all-inclusive love for humanity.

Thank you for this day

on which we worship and serve you. Amen.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	<i>Song of Hope</i>	432
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*CHARGE AND BLESSING		
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Halle, Halle, Hallelujah</i>	LUYH 28
*POSTLUDE	<i>Finale</i>	Gerald Near

*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 October 13: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.

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

As we celebrate **World Communion Sunday**, we will use liturgy and music from around the world, including South Africa, Zaire, Argentina, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the Dakota and Muscogee Indians.

Ushers for today's service are John and Christy Masango.

Communion servers are Lucy Lanning, Charles and Jan Johnson, and Ann Forsyth.

We are celebrating **World Communion** with **breads** representing Ghana, China, Ireland, East India, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. We extend our thanks to Susan Beck, Julie Forthman, Doris Hinson, Gladys Jangha, Erica Phelps, Bre Upton, Loreen Upton, and Donna Wright for these gifts.

There will be **no Kids' Club** this Wednesday, October 9. Enjoy your Fall Break.

The Norman Chapter of **Parents Helping Parents** will meet Thursday, October 10 at 7 p.m. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. Join us for an evening of courage for Parents Helping Parents' ongoing series: "Parent Stories". A family will share their strength and hope in conveying their experience navigating substance abuse in their child as they worked towards recovery. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: ParentsHelpingParents.info

SUNDAY**October 6**

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

MONDAY**October 7**

- 6:00 P.M. – Worship & Music meeting

TUESDAY**October 8**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Christian Education meeting

WEDNESDAY**October 9**

- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**October 10**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in the Library
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting

SUNDAY**October 13**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 5:00 P.M. – Memorial Youth Group