



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2014

*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

*Lord, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors  
that they may swing gently and easily  
to welcome your coming. (New Guinea)*

GATHERING SONG

*We Fall Down*

368

First time: Soloist, Vince Leseney

WE FALL DOWN

Second time: choir only

Third time: ALL sing

OPENING PRAYER

from the Dakota Tribe

The light of the Great Spirit is upon my people;

**It is making the whole earth bright.**

My people are now happy!

**All beings that move are rejoicing! Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

Aaron David Miller

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty*

Verse 1: Melody

Verse 2: Harmony

Verse 3: Melody

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LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

All sing refrain; soloist sings verses

Soloist: Michael Yeager

470

LONGING

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

441

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation:  
Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.

\*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.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

*Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

All sing Refrain before and after the solo verse

Soloist: Holly Van Auken

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THY WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 12:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Colossians 3:12-17

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

458, refrain

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

MESSAGE

*Sing a New Song*

Tracy L. Evans

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.*

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*When I call, answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.*

*Come and listen to me.*

O Attentive Lord,  
we pray for those who can't laugh  
and for those who can't cry,  
for those who can't care  
and for those who are overwhelmed by their anxieties,  
for those can't work  
and for those who can't relax.

We pray for those who can't talk  
because they are afraid no one will listen  
and for those who can't stop talking  
because they're afraid no one has heard them,  
for those who can't give love because of fear  
and for those who can't accept love because of guilt,  
for those who are tired of living and afraid of dying  
and those who are eager to live but are faced with dying.

We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.  
(modified from a prayer by C. Eric Mount Jr.)

## A LITANY OF DEDICATION

by Reverend Jeff Shrowder of the Uniting Church in Australia

God is worshiped in different and creative ways such as story, drama, and art. Singing has always been an important thread running through the fabric of the worship of God. We thank you, Lord God, for the long tradition of worshiping in song:

**I will praise the name of God with a song;**

**I will praise the Lord with thanksgiving.**

(Ps. 69:30)

We thank you, gracious God, that despite our human frailty you have been faithful from the beginning:

**I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;**

**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness**

**to all generations**

(Ps. 89:1)

We thank you, Lord God, that in every generation people have written songs for your worship:

**O sing to the Lord a new song;**

**sing to the Lord all the earth.**

(Ps. 96:1)

With all creation, O God, we sing your praise:

**Let the floods clap their hands;**

**let the hills sing together for joy.**

(Ps. 98:8)

Thank you, gracious God, that your love is for each of us, that each may respond:

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

(Ps. 104:33)

We praise you, Lord God, for you call us into community with you.

Praise the Lord!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God;**

**for the Lord is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

(Ps. 147:1)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, sovereign of all that is; worthy of all praise.

**We dedicate these hymn books to your praise and worship.**

**May our singing bring glory to your name, Lord God;**

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

\*DEDICATION HYMN

*Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness*

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Refrain: First time choir, all sing on each repeat.

GLENDON

Verse 1: Trio - Lucy Lanning, Charlotte Lovett, Michael Yeager

Verses 2-4: All sing

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY                      *Festival Procession in C*                      Charles Callahan

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

### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG                      *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*                      536  
First verse: Kirk Forthman, soloist                      SURGE ECCLESIA  
Verses 2-4: All sing

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE                      *Toccata Festiva*                      Franklin Ashdown

\*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 February 2: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12.

**The Urban Mission item** of the month for January is **cereal**. The item of the month for February will be canned beans. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

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

**Ushers** for today's service are Carolyn Montgomery and Samuel McCann.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held following worship, in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a potluck lunch. You are invited to join us.

**SUNDAY****January 26**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Annual Congregational Meeting
- 5:00 P.M. – Memorial Youth Group

**MONDAY****January 27**

- 6:00 P.M. – Personnel Committee meeting

**WEDNESDAY****January 29**

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY****January 30**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

**SUNDAY****February 2**

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