



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 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

*Cornerstone of our common life,
you are not bound by our visions, our structures,
our doctrine.*

*We cannot predict your coming or going,
yet you have given us your story, your family,
your work to do.*

Meet us here.

*Shape us for service in your world,
for we carry the name of Jesus
and live by the power of your breath. Amen.*

Gen. 28:10–15

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me!

Dan Locklair

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Like light that scatters the darkness,

surely the Lord is in this place!

Like wheat gathered up at the harvest,

the kingdom of heaven is near.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away;
we surround ourselves with noise.**

We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:

we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.

It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.

Life-giving God, wash us clean.

Restore our imaginations and our hearts.

Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins

until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing,

for the creation waits with eager longing

for the revealing of the children of God. 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

Glory Be to the Father

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lisa Upton

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Romans 8:12-25

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ANTHEM

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

Trio: Lucy Lanning, Linda Rodriguez, Michael Yeager

MESSAGE

I'll Be There

Ryan Kemp-Pappan

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What do you understand by the providence of God?

**The almighty and ever present power of God
by which God upholds, as with his hand,
heaven
and earth
and all creatures,
and so rules them that
leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years,
food and drink,
health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—
all things, in fact,
come to us
not by chance
but by his fatherly hand.**

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q27

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Joe Utterback

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Now Thank We All Our God

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

*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 June 27: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

The Urban Mission item of the month for July is **cereal**. 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 Doris Hinson and Charlotte Lovett.

You are invited to the **Ice Cream Social** at 4:00 this afternoon. The Fellowship & Hospitality committee will provide the ice cream; you are requested to bring your favorite topping to share. Games will be available to add to the fun—you may wish to bring a favorite game.

We welcome the **Rev. Ryan Kemp-Pappan** to the pulpit today. Ryan holds an MDiv from Austin Seminary (2008), is an ordained pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and holds the MSW from OU (2014). He works at Hope Community Services as a therapist. He and his wife, Meredith (pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in OKC) became parents in April with the arrival of Henry Grant. He says he is a bull in the china closet of faith and wandering wanderer of Christ.

We are collecting **school supplies** for teachers and students at Madison and Jackson elementary schools. You may pick up a list of needed supplies from the collection table across from Tracy's office, or check the June/July Messenger. Let's work together to make this mission project a success!

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico.

Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, July 24 at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse among our young people (both adolescents and adult children). For more information, call 278-1221 or go to www.ParentsHelpingParents.info.

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