



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 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

*God, you have given us a dream of your world made whole,  
a heavenly realm that is near in heart and close at hand,  
and is ours to choose each day.*

*May our smallest acts of courtesy, when transformed by your love,  
grow abundantly into a realm of flourishing for all. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

Mark Hayes

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ps. 105:1-6*

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**O Lord our God, we confess  
that we do not reflect your glory.  
We devote ourselves to small things  
while you work for a greater purpose.  
We distract ourselves with grand designs  
while you surprise us with hidden wonders.  
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives  
by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
so that we may know your will,  
seek your way, and share your work,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

\*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

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:26-39

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM

*I Danced in the Morning*  
Lisa Upton, violist

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| MESSAGE   | <i>It's Like This</i>                                       | Tracy L. Evans |
| *SONG OF FAITH                                    | <i>Be Still My Soul</i>                                     | 819            |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH<br>Apostles' Creed          |   | Hymnal, p. 35  |
| SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS<br>The Lord's Prayer |   | Hymnal, p. 35  |
| THE OFFERING<br>OFFERTORY                         | <i>Hungarian Rhapsody, no. 2</i><br>Kierstyn Upton, pianist | Franz Liszt    |
| *DOXOLOGY<br>DEDICATION PRAYER                    | <i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>             | 606            |

### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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| *SENDING SONG                | <i>God of Our Life</i>  | 686          |
| *TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD |                         |              |
| *BLESSING AND CHARGE         |                         |              |
| *POSTLUDE                    | <i>Toccata Undecima</i> | Georg Muffat |

\*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 August 3: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

**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 Will and Jessica Farris.

Any items for the **August Messenger** must be turned in to the church office by noon on Thursday, July 31.

We are still collecting **school supplies** for teachers and students at Madison and Jackson elementary schools and are pleased to see significant progress being made. 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!

The session has voted to move **communion** to August 10, as Rev. Evans will be at a conference next Sunday. Dave Iske will preach on August 3.

**SUNDAY**

**July 27**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**THURSDAY**

**July 31**

7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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