



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of mystery and might,
whose wonderful works are to be remembered,
move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts,
direct our feet,
that we may follow you more faithfully.
Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Prelude on Two Spirituals
Go Down, Moses and I Want to Be Ready*

Charles Callahan

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our redeemer, we confess
that we remain captivated by sin.
We seek profit and pleasure in the world
but you offer us a greater glory.
We strive to preserve our way of life
but you call us to give our lives away.
Forgive us; liberate us!
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*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

Exodus 3:1-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Romans 12:9-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

MESSAGE

What Is This Holy Ground?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O for a World

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

But why are you called a Christian?

**Because by faith I am a member of Christ
and so I share in his anointing.**

I am anointed

to confess his name,

to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,

**to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil
in this life,**

and afterward to reign with Christ

over all creation

for eternity.

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q32

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Emma Lou Diemer

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Lift High the Cross

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord, Your Summons Echoes True

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary on CRUCIFER

Robert Lind

*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 September 7: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

The Urban Mission item of the month for August is **hygiene products**. 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 Larry and Lisa Upton.

Men of all ages—and their guests—are invited to enjoy good food and fellowship at the **Men's Potluck Breakfast** on Saturday, September 6, from 8:30 to 10:00 A.M. You are asked to bring your favorite breakfast food: there is a sign-up list in the hallway. Our guest speaker will be Peter Davis, an OU student in journalism who served two tours of duty with the U.S. Army in Kosovo/Bosnia and Iraq. While serving his country on the front lines, he developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He will be telling his story, and how he has dealt with the consequences of being in battle.

The deacons would like to invite you to a **wedding shower** for Caitlin Stensrud on Saturday, September 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Caitlin is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond; Crate & Barrel; and www.etsy.com.

Sunday School Kick-off: On Sunday, September 7 at 9:30 A.M., Memorial Presbyterian Church will hold its introduction to the 2014/15 Sunday Church School program. The program will begin with a pot-luck breakfast; please use the sign-up sheet in the hallway to indicate what breakfast food you intend to share with those participating. Leaders from each class being offered will talk about their respective activities, including the adult classes. We are looking forward to an exciting year in our Christian education program.

Kids' Club, for kids in elementary or middle school, begins September 10 from 3:30 to 6:15 P.M. on Wednesdays. Participants enjoy playtime, arts & crafts, Bible lessons, choir, and dinner. Transportation from school to the church is available. If you know a child who would benefit from this program, or if you would like to help out in any way, contact Rev. Tracy Evans (626-7530) or Rev. Melinda Clements (310-3444).

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 the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia. We give thanks for those heroes, known and unknown, who threw off Nazi and Soviet domination; for pastors and priests who remained faithful to their calling even when they were persecuted; for traditions which hold people together and give them strength in difficult times; and for lead crystal glassware in intricate shapes and designs. We pray for economic stability in the transition from communism to a free-market economy; for the poor and the elderly, who bear the brunt of economic reforms; for the unemployed, and all who suffer the loss of state social services; for the victims of anti-Semitism, and ethnic, gender, and social intolerance in the midst of rising nationalism and the search for identity; for the environment, especially where it is heavily polluted; and for renewal of the church in the midst of both growing freedom and growing secularization.

SUNDAY**August 31**

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

TUESDAY**September 2**

- 6:30 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality meeting
- 7:30 P.M. – Christian Education meeting

THURSDAY**September 4**

- 10:00 A.M. – Serve at Food for Friends
- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SATURDAY**September 6**

- 8:30—10:00 A.M. – Men's Breakfast
- 1:00—3:00 P.M. – Shower for Caitlin Stensrud

SUNDAY**September 7**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School Kickoff & Breakfast
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Communion
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship meeting