



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2015

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*O God, you created all people in your image.  
We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world.  
Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship,  
and show us your presence in those who differ most from us,  
until our knowledge of your love is made perfect  
in our love for all your children;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Stephen Kemp

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

With our words and in our actions,  
**let us praise the living God.**  
With our lips and in our lives,  
**let us glorify the Lord.**

Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*The God of Abraham Praise*  
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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Merciful God, we confess  
that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
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

*Peace of God Be with You  
As-salaamu lakum*

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Sing one time in English and one time in Arabic

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM	<i>I Will Sing Praise Unto the Lord</i>	Joseph Martin
MESSAGE	<i>Interfaith Relationships in the 21st Century</i>	Dr. Charles Kimball
*SONG OF FAITH	<i>Dream On, Dream On</i>	383
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed		Hymnal, p. 35
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Response: ... God of abundant grace, <b>hear our prayer.</b> The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 35
THE OFFERING OFFERTORY	<i>Allegretto</i>	Louis Vierne
*DOXOLOGY DEDICATION PRAYER	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	606

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

*SENDING SONG	<i>Arise, Your Light Is Come!</i> FESTAL SONG	744
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Take My Life</i>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>Processional in E-flat</i>	David Johnson

\*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 6: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for August is rice. 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 Charles and Jan Johnson.

We will have a **congregational meeting** following today's worship service. We will be voting on officer nominations for the class of 2018 as well as a proposal to confer Pastor Emeritus status on the Rev. Jim Burns (retired). The nominees for session (class of 2018) are John Beck, Melissa Gill and Ross Robinson. The nominees for deacons (class of 2018) are Ann Forsyth, Loreen Upton and Holly Van Auken as well as Jim Rodriguez to complete an unfulfilled term in the class of 2016.

Memorial Presbyterian Church is now able to accept **online donations** through a partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, via the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Look for the "Give Now" button on our website, [www.memorialpres.org](http://www.memorialpres.org), or go to [presbyterianmissionexchange.org](http://presbyterianmissionexchange.org) and enter our church name in the search box. Recurring or one-time donations may be made by credit/debit card or by direct transfer from your bank account (EFT). We will continue to accept cash and checks as well.

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**. **Give thanks for:** Those heroes, known and unknown, who threw off Nazi and Soviet domination. Pastors and priests who remained faithful to their calling even when they were persecuted. Traditions which hold people together and give them strength in difficult times. Lead crystal glassware in intricate shapes and designs. **Pray for:** The poor and the elderly, who bear the brunt of economic reforms. The unemployed, and all who suffer the loss of state social services. The victims of anti-Semitism, and ethnic, gender, and social intolerance in the midst of rising nationalism and the search for identity. The environment, especially where it is heavily polluted. Renewal of the church in the midst of both growing freedom and growing secularization.

**SUNDAY****August 30**

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

**TUESDAY****September 1**

- 7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting

**WEDNESDAY****September 2**

- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY****September 3**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

**SUNDAY****September 6**

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