

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Christ Jesus, our peace,
send forth your Holy Spirit
to fill our hearts this day.
Surround us with your peace,
sustain us by your grace,
and strengthen us in your word,
so that we may always be
your true and faithful disciples.
This we pray in your holy name.
Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Rise, O Children of Salvation David Cherwien

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We worship the Lord God Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

We worship Jesus Christ,
a radical healer.

Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

We worship the Holy Spirit,
the teacher of peace.

Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

*SONG OF PRAISE Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of everlasting life, we confess
that we continue in the ways of death.
You are faithful in your promise,
but we fail to keep your word.
You offer us the gift of peace,
but we remain captive in our fear.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Pour out your mercy upon us,**

**heal our troubled hearts,
and lead us to walk in your light;
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

Revelation 21:10, 22-25:5

Page No. 1008

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 5:1-9

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MESSAGE

Something New

Tracy L. Evans

ANTHEM

In Christ Alone

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God's
life-giving Word and Spirit
has conquered the powers
of sin and death,
and therefore also
of irreconciliation and hatred,
bitterness and enmity,
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
will enable the church to live
in a new obedience
which can open new possibilities of life
for society and the world.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING MEMBERS: Jan & Charles Johnson

You have deepened our joy and lightened our sorrow. We will miss your love and support, yet we rejoice that you will now bless others as you have blessed us.

Let us pray

Faithful God, keep, preserve, and protect Jan and Charles all their days. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may they be salt of the earth and light for the world. Lead them to new ministries, secure in the faith that binds us forever in the body of Christ.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Beach Spring

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION SONG *Spirit of the Living God*

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Elevation Toccata

Johann Froberger

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters 490

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in D Major

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 May 8: Acts 16:16-34; Psalms 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for May is peanut butter. 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 Mike and Karen Girdner .

Communion servers for today's service are Jessica Farris, Melissa Gill & Ross Robinson.

Sunday , May 8 is Bonnet Sunday in honor of Mother's Day. Wear your stylish hat to church.

Sunday, May 22, during the coffee time, Fellowship & Hospitality will hold a reception to honor our graduating High School Seniors. Plan to attend and congratulate.

SUNDAY**May 1**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion
7:00 P.M. – Session Committee Meeting

MONDAY**May 2**

6:00 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

TUESDAY**May 3**

6:30 P.M. – Nominating Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY**May 4**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**May 5**

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SUNDAY**May 8**

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

