

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of heaven and earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
you have taught us how to pray.
Keep us faithful, O God,
in daily prayer and in daily life—
always asking and searching
for signs of your coming realm,
on earth as it is in heaven.
This we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE What a Friend We Have in Jesus Charles Ore

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

**The Lord will speak peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.**

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,
and God's glory will dwell in our land.

*SONG OF PRAISE What a Friend We Have in Jesus 465

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Faithful and loving God, we confess
that we have not lived in faith and love.
You claim us as your own people,
but we forsake your holy covenant.
You offer us the gift of prayer,
but we forget to lift our hearts to you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to live our lives in Christ,
rooted and grounded in our faith
and growing each day in your love;
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* 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 2:6-15 Page No. 957
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 11:1-13 Page No. 845
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Simple Song" Leonard Bernstein

MESSAGE Praying to a Listening God Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God
brings justice to the oppressed
and gives bread to the hungry.
We believe that God
frees the prisoner
and restores sight to the blind.
We believe that God
supports the downtrodden,
protects the stranger,
helps orphans and widows,
and blocks the path of the ungodly.**
Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ... God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Fuga

Dieterich Buxtehude

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606
DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 700

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Praeludium

Dieterich Buxtehude

*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 July 31: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalms 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Holly Van Auken and Michael Yeager.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for July is Pasta. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Do you have some "trash" that may be someone else's "treasure"? Our Indoor Garage Sale will August 20th. We want your stuff! Proceeds go to our camp & conference fund.

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