

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Living God, as in Jesus Christ
you set us free from sin and death,
help us to devote ourselves this day
to the healing and liberation of others
so that all people may have the gift
of fullness of life and peace in you;
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.
Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Praise to the Lord John Innes

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all of God's benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the grave,
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

*SONG OF PRAISE O Day of Rest and Gladness 393

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**You call us, O God,
but we seldom hear.**

**Or, if we do hear,
we are reluctant to respond.**

**Or, if we do respond,
we are afraid to follow your direction.**

**Our sin pulls us away from you,
yet you won't give up on us.**

Remove the obstacles that keep us from the life you

**intend for us.
Help us to receive your call with our whole hearts,
so we may do your work and give you glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Here I am

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-17

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Can't You See?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O God, Who Gives Us Life

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that the church
must witness against and strive against
any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.**

**We believe that the church
as the possession of God
must stand where the Lord stands,**

**namely against injustice
and with the wronged.
We believe that in following Christ
the church must witness against
all the powerful and privileged
who selfishly seek their own interest
and thus control and harm others.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Cantabile (excerpt)

Cesar Franck

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

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

*POSTLUDE

Lobe Den Herren

Paul Manz

*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 28: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalms 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for August 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 Kirk and Jessica Forthman.

SUNDAY

August 21

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

4:30 P.M. – Deacon's Meeting

5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

WEDNESDAY

August 24

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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August 28

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