

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Divine Gardener,
you give growth to our seeds
and to the towering forest trees;
you raise to abundant life that which seems dead.
Teach us to choose blessing
and life rather than death,
so that we may walk blamelessly,
seeking you through reconciliation
with all of your children. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The New Commonwealth" Ralph Vaughan Williams

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
The choice is before us: life or death.
Let us choose life, so that we may live.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of glory, we confess
that we have not sought your face.
We adore the high and mighty
and ignore your humble servant.
We act with prejudice and partiality
and fail to share your love for all.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Pour out the power of your Spirit
and renew us in our calling:
to show the wonder of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*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 John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 119:1-8

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Fairest Lord Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21-37

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Our Relational God Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Give to the Winds Thy Fears 815

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that the church must together
come to know the height and the breadth
and the depth of the love of Christ.**

**We believe that together we are built up
to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.**

**We believe that we must together
know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.**

**We believe that we are called
to admonish and comfort one another;**

to suffer with one another

for the sake of righteousness;

to pray together;

and together serve God in this world.

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Three Liturgical Preludes: II

George Oldroyd

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

We Are One in the Spirit

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord Make Us More Holy

*POSTLUDE

Festal Song

Seth Bingham

*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 February 19: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalms 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for February 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 Tim and Jona Thiessen.

You are invited to attend a Lenten study led by Tracy Evans on Sunday evenings, beginning March 9 from 5:00 to 6:00. We will study the book *Forgiveness*, written by Marjorie J. Thompson. Thompson is well known for her book *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*. She is a Presbyterian pastor and spent thirteen years as Director of Congregational Spirituality with Upper Room Ministries.

SUNDAY **February 12**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 a.m. – Worship Service

MONDAY **February 13**

6:00 p.m. – Worship & Music Meeting

TUESDAY **February 14**

7:00 p.m. – Christian Ed Meeting

WEDNESDAY **February 15**

3:15 p.m. – Kids' Club

SUNDAY **February 19**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 a.m. – Worship Service