

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Holy Shepherd,
you know your sheep by name
and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.
Guide us by your voice,
that we may walk in certainty and security
to the joyous feast prepared in your house,
where we celebrate with you forever. Amen*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Dale Wood

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together
with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs
so that all people, no matter who they are,
may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

*SONG OF PRAISE O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 738

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned and wandered far away.

**We confess the sins that no one knows
and the sins that everyone knows;
the sins that shame and condemn us
and the sins we practice time and again with ease
and which disturb us less and less.**

**We confess our sins as a church:
we have not loved one another as Christ has loved us;
we have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven;
we have not given ourselves in love
and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us.**

**Grant us a true repentance,
and forgive us all our mistakes and shortcomings.
Bestow upon us the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit to enable us to amend
our lives
and to live at peace with you and with another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(Time of silence)

*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 Ross Robinson

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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John 10:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

MESSAGE Gatekeeping Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF PRAISE Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling 418

*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

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

John Behnke

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

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DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.**

...Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lead Me, Guide Me

*POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C minor

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 14: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for May is Macaroni and Cheese. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

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

Ushers for today's service are Will and Jessica Farris.

Communion servers for today's service are Loreen Upton, Kirk Forthman, Nicholas Lindley and Ross Robinson.

Don't forget the **Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser** following worship **Today**.

Next Sunday we will recognize our graduates—from high school, college & technical school. Let the office know if you have a graduate we should add to the list.

You are invited to wear a hat next Sunday in honor of Mother's Day.

Cameroonian Orphanage Clothing Drive

One way that our church can help kids affected by unrest in Cameroon right now is by providing clothing. A large box is in the coat area as you enter the sanctuary from now thru May. Gently used or new clothing for all ages of children would be appreciated. Have fun looking for bargains and in closets!

You are invited to our Envelope Fundraiser for our Camp and Conference Fund. Pick an envelope off the bulletin board in the hall.

SUNDAY**May 7**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion
- 12:00 P.M. – Spaghetti Dinner

TUESDAY**May 9**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Meeting

WEDNESDAY**May 10**

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

SUNDAY**May 14**

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