

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2017

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of the prophets and apostles,  
you greeted old Abraham and Sarah  
with news of wonder and life.  
Send us into the world  
to preach good news, as Jesus did,  
heal the sick, resist evil,  
and bring the outcast home. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 13                      Dietrich Buxtehude

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

All who are righteous,  
shout with joy to our God!

**Let us sing a new song!**

Praise God and give thanks,  
with organs, with guitars, with all kinds of instruments!

**Play your best with joy!**

Because our Creator's word is right,  
and everything God does is done for our good.

**Let your faithful love surround us, O God!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      Come, Ye Thankful People, Come                      367

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our redeemer, we confess  
that we remain captivated by sin.  
We fail in our love for you,  
forgetting your gracious acts.  
We fail in our love for one another,  
forsaking our neighbors in need.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Let us be no longer bound by sin,  
but released, restored, set free  
to worship and serve you in freedom;  
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*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Mike Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM

I Will Sing Praise Unto the Lord

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:35-10:8

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

Wonderful Absurdity

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God is the one  
who wishes to bring about justice  
and true peace among people.**

**We believe that God,  
in a world full of injustice and enmity,  
is in a special way  
the God of the destitute,  
the poor, and the wronged.**

*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

Passacaglia

Dietrich Buxtehude

\*DOXOLOGY            *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*            606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG            The Lord Now Sends Us Forth            747

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE  
CHORAL BENEDICTION            God Be With You Till We Meet Again

\*POSTLUDE            Passacaglia            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 June 25: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for June 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 head usher.

**Ushers** for today's service are Tim and Jona Thiessen.

**VBS will be July 24-27, 6-8pm.** Please invite children in your life to join us for a week with Abundance Orchard

**We are in need of drivers to take some kids to camp.** One group will take five kids (plus suitcases and bedding) after church on July 2, and the other will pick them up (hopefully the same five kids) on Saturday, July 8, following the closing at 9:00 am. Dwight Mission is located in eastern Oklahoma, north of the town of Vian. Please let Tracy know if you are available to help out with one of these treks.

**SUNDAY** **June 18**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service  
5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

**WEDNESDAY** **June 21**

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY** **June 25**

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

**YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IS WORSENING**

**RATES OF YOUTH DEPRESSION**



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