

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Creator God,
you have formed us as your own,
so whether we are weeping or laughing,
dreaming or shouting for joy,
we are always coming home to you.
For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*OPENING SENTENCES

We gather to share in the gospel of Christ:
to lean on the story of God's great love.

We gather to answer the call of Christ:
to walk the road that leads to a cross.

We gather to be the body of Christ:
to serve the one who is our Head.

We gather to follow the way of Christ:
to sing praises to our God!

*LITANY FOR LENT

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are always faithful,
even when we betray you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you clothe us in your righteousness,
even when we give you a crown of thorns.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you reach out to us in love,
even when we reject and despise you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you pour out your grace for us,
even when we give you sour wine.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymnal, No. 39

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**As we journey with Christ toward Jerusalem,
we find ourselves wanting to turn away:
to choose glory over suffering, success over justice,
comfort over peace, independence over discipleship.
We want to believe that we will be loyal to Christ until the end,
but we fear that we will join the crowd in shouting, "Crucify."
Forgive us, God of life, of all the ways we fail to answer your call.
Bind us in your love, free us by your grace,
and enliven us by your Spirit to follow Christ once more.**
(Time of silent reflection)

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 to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Hymnal, No. 582, v. 1

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

John Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Page No. 586

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 126

The Lord had done great things and we are glad indeed.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Page No. 954

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

Page No. 874

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The First Dinner

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Hymnal, No. 41

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**To be reconciled to God
is to be sent into the world
as God's reconciling community.
This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation
and shares God's labor of healing the enmities
which separate people from God
and from each other.
Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The church maintains continuity
with the apostles and with Israel
by faithful obedience to his call.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise to God the Father

Hymnal, No. 605

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM

I Will Remember Thee

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.

...joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Hymnal No. 552

**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.**

...as we share this joyful feast.

Hymnal No. 553

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

...we bless you, God of glory, now and forever

Hymnal No. 554

Amen. Amen. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Hymnal, No. 475

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the steadfast love of God,
the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
If any wish to be my disciples
let them take up the cross
and follow me. **Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Hymnal, No. 582, v. 2

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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 April 14: Palms: Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29. Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for April is **pasta**. 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 Loreen Upton and Breanna Upton.



ABLE generously gives us 10 lilies every year for Easter. If you would like to order additional lilies, they are \$12 each. Please make checks payable to ABLE. Have all money turned into the office by April 14.

The Norman Ministerial Fellowship is hosting its annual Lenten series. On Wednesday, April 10, Memorial Presbyterian and First Congregational will host the worship and lunch, which begins at noon. Pastor Jeannie Himes, St. Stephens Methodist Church of Norman will give the sermon. A \$5 donation is suggested for the lunch.

If you can **donate wrapped candy for our egg hunt**, please drop it off in the office by Wednesday, April 17.



Easter is coming! We will have our annual potluck and egg hunt on Sunday, April 21 at 9:30am. Sign up for the potluck in the hallway.