

# *Connect. Inspire. Serve.*

## Welcome to Worship at Memorial Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Our hope is that every person who enters Memorial will *CONNECT* with God and the community of faith, be *INSPIRED* to a life of discipleship and spiritual growth, and discover ways to *SERVE* our neighbors near and far.

Please join us for coffee and conversation immediately following the worship service today.

***Friendship Pad:*** We ask that all worshipers sign the Ritual of Friendship pad, located on the center aisle side of the pew. Sign your name, address and phone number, and pass it along the pew and then back again so that we can get to know each other and greet each other by name.

***Accessibility at MPC:*** The sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop system that allows people to receive the sound from the church's audio system in their own hearing aids. Large-size bulletins and hymnals are also available from the ushers. Please contact an usher if you have any questions on accessibility issues.

***Children of all ages*** are welcome in the worship service. Nursery care is provided for children from birth to 3 years of age. Pagers are given to parents in the event that communication is necessary. In addition, a Children's Table is located by the entry if you wish to take your child from the sanctuary, yet be able to hear and see the service.

***Kinderchurch*** is an age-appropriate worship experience provided for children ages 3 through Grade 2 throughout the academic year. Children attend worship with their parents for about 15 minutes, and then move to the Kinderchurch room as a group. It is not held on Sundays when communion is served, so that children will be able to experience communion with their parents.

***Communion:*** The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has an Open Table. All who hold Jesus as their Lord and Savior are invited to the table. Children may take communion with parent's consent. Communion is served on the first Sunday of every month, and at other designated services.

*Please feel free to contact the church office at (920) 734-1787 or  
info@mpcappleton.org with any questions you may have.*

# Order of Worship

## Third Sunday of Easter

Ten O'clock A.M.

April 15, 2018

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✦ *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

### Gathering Around the Word

#### THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow mindedness and many of our people need it sorely. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.”

Mark Twain, *Innocents Abroad*

#### PRELUDE

*As the prelude begins, please take a moment of silence to prepare for worship.*

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Neal
- One: Here in this place, there are no foreigners, just travelers and seekers.
- All: For all are welcome in God’s house.**
- One: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance, for love, curiosity and the need to better understand are the languages of faith.
- All: Here in our lives, there are no divisions, for God dwells in each of us here and around the world. Come, let us worship in unity and love.**

- ✦ HYMN #317 In Christ There is No East or West

CALL TO CONFESSION

Greg Braatz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Inspired by Psalm 42  
*Richard Dodge read Psalm 42 to the group from the prison cell where Jesus was thought to have been held. Our Israeli guide also referred to it at the Holocaust Museum.*

**Lord we know you are the eternal defender of the poor and sad, but we don't always hear the prayers from those who suffer.**

**Lord forgive us for not helping those who are refugees, exiles from their homes. Lord, we know there are those who are starving and whose tears are their only food, but we do not feed them.**

**Remind us that there are those who are desperate for a drink, who thirst for your life-giving water, but we do not give them water.**

**Too often we forget that there are those who are sad and troubled, whose hearts break for want of hope and we don't provide hope.**

**Holy God, help us to face up to the fact what while we realize there are those whose faith is weak, who feel that God has abandoned them and we don't go to them an give them comfort.**

**Lord help us as we try to repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A time for silent confession*

✦ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**– Also inspired by Psalm 42

**One:** God, while there may be times when our souls feel sad and hopeless, we know the cure. The cracks in our hearts can be mended by you. The thirst in our throats can be quenched by you. How refreshing you are! You rehydrate our hearts. You replenish our spirit. You tell souls, "Cheer up!" "Have hope!" For God you are all that I need.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

✦ RESPONSE #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

(refrain only, sung twice)

**Proclaiming the Word**

*Today's scripture readings correspond with particularly meaningful sites we visited and where we heard these words read.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pat Spindler

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Bethlehem

*From Luke 2:1-12*

Pat Spindler

Cana

*From John 2:1-12*

Kerry Guttenberg

Sea of Galilee

*From John 21:15-17*

Jean Johnson

Jerusalem

*From Luke 23:41- 24:5*

Sue Hopfensperger

One: We proclaim Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God.

**All: Thanks be to God, who calls us to CONNECT, INSPIRE, and SERVE!**

ANTHEM He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

K. Johaneck

*Handbell Choir*

*Directed by Phillip Knisely*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN "Love One Another" Pam Dodge  
*Matthew 5:43-48*

*Children are invited to bring their offerings forward and put them in the "Joyful Noise Bucket"*

RESPONSE #729 Lord I Want to Be a Christian (verse 1)

ANTHEM Simple Gifts K. McChesney

REFLECTIONS Richard Dodge  
Becky O'Connor  
Emily Guttenberg

### **Responding to the Word**

✦ HYMN #19 God of Great and God of Small

JOYS AND CONCERNS Greg Braatz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Adapted from *Wild Goose Big Book of Worship Resources*

*Diane Lightfield, Carol Lenz,  
Jeanne Nymoen & Elaine Presby*

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and  
forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Special Giving Opportunities Today:  
Those who contribute through e-giving or online donations are  
encouraged to take an "I Give Electronically" card and place it in  
the offering plate.*

✦ RESPONSE #609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Barry O'Connor

**At the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Bearing and Following the Word Into the World**

✦ HYMN #462 I Love to Tell the Story

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Greg Braatz

POSTLUDE

*During the postlude, you are welcome to leave the sanctuary as you are ready. Everyone is invited to share a time of fellowship in the narthex.*



*This morning's chancel flowers are given by John and Sally Mielke, in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

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## Today's Sunday Morning Volunteers

**Greeters:** Sue & Dave Rozmarynoski

**Ushers:** Diane & Kelsey Lightfield, Maggie Layng, Lili Braatz

**Head Usher:** Tim Shaffer

**Kinderchurch:** Joel Screnock & Paige Kempf

**Fellowship Hosts:** Kelsey & Kevin McElrath

**Nursery Caregiver:** Luann Ulmen

**Counters:** Diane Lightfield, Kerry Guttenberg

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## Memorial Presbyterian Church

### Who We Are and What We Believe :

Grounded in the grace of God and the Reformed Tradition, we believe in:

*Nurturing one another on the journey of faith.*

*Compassion for all.*

*Active engagement in the local and global community.*

*Openness to the Spirit's inspiration.*

### Our Mission Statement :

***Connect. Inspire. Serve.***

*Connect* people in faith, hope and love.

*Inspire* lifelong discipleship and spiritual growth.

*Serve* our neighbors near and far.

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