



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

February 17, 2019
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Stephen Leader Commissioning

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Improvisation on “Hold Fast to Dreams”
Matthew Webb, piano

Florence Price, arr. Webb

*** Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Reverend Sarah Green

One: Let us open our ears, people of God,
Many: for God is speaking a Word among us.
One: Let us open our minds, people of God,
Many: for the Spirit is moving in this place.
One: Let us open our hearts, people of God,
Many: and worship the One who makes us whole.

*** Hymn 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

You alone, O Lord, test the mind and search the heart, and we know that all too often, we come up lacking. We put our trust in material things, rather than trusting the depth of your grace. We put our hope in human beings, rather than acknowledging that only you are God. We measure

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**

our blessings according to worldly standards, rather than believing in the unexpected gifts of your kingdom. Forgive us, O Lord, and shower us with your mercy, that we may grow as trees planted by living waters. Forgive us and free us to try again. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 671, v.2 O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine *Conditor Alme Siderum*

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

One: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

Many: **Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.**

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*** Response: Hymn 586** Alleluia *Alleluia 7*

*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

O God, whose Word is like water to the root of the tree, let your Word now flow into us that we might flourish and bear gospel fruit for a hungry world. In the name of Jesus, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

The Chancel Choir

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morning when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms. When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home. Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear You say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading:

Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Power to Bless

Rev. Green

*** Hymn 172**

Blest Are They

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Stephen Leader Commissioning – Lois Honigfeld

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located inside the friendship pads for your convenience. Cards will be collected with the offering.)

Offertory

The Battle of Jericho

arr. Moses Hogan

The Chancel Choir

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho and the walls come a-tumbalin' down. Talk about your kings of Gideon, talk about your men of Saul, but none like good old Joshua at the battle of Jericho. Right up to the walls of Jericho, he marched with spear in hand. "Go blow that ramborn!" Joshua cried. 'Cause the battle am in my hand. God, almighty, then the lamb, ram, sheephorns begin to blow and the trumpet begins to sound. Joshua commanded the children to shout and the walls come a-tumbalin' down.

- * **Doxology: Hymn 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Old Hundredth*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

- * **Hymn 852** When the Lord Redeems the Very Least *I'll Fly Away*

* Benediction

Postlude

"Allegro" from Suite XIV

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Kevin Graf, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Sarah Green
The Reverend Dr. David Smazik
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar
The Chancel Choir

GREETERS

Lois Honigfeld & Rob Heinink, and Maureen & Dave Rogers

ACOLYTES

Zachary Hoover and Michael Hoppes

FLOWERS

In loving memory of George and Joy Phillips
Given by Jan Dougherty

&

In loving memory of her mother, Judith Emerson Musser
Given by Peter & Sarah Barber

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by France and Brian Delle Donne

UPCOMING EVENTS

We return to the Church on the Green on Sunday, March 3!

Sunday Morning Seminar: Father Sheeran, Morristown's Confederate Chaplain, Rich Schwartz – Sunday, February 24 at 8:45 a.m. in Erdman Room

Three Union Army generals called Morristown home, but the most colorful of Morristown's Civil War veterans served in the Confederate Army. Father James Sheeran, the chaplain of the wild 14th Louisiana Infantry regiment, did much in the post-war years to build the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into the Morristown landmark it is today. This lecture by master teacher Rich Schwartz will explore Father Sheeran's attitudes toward Christianity.

Children's Musical – Sunday, February 24 at 10 a.m. in South Street Hall

Our Bel Canto and Bel Melodia choirs will perform *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics* during the 10 a.m. worship service next week.

ROGs Fundraiser: All Church Luncheon– Sunday, February 24 at 11 a.m. in Sheffield Hall

On our last Sunday worshipping in the Parish House, the Ringers on the Green will host an all-church luncheon and mini-concert to help raise funds for their Summer 2019 tour to New England. The luncheon menu will feature pasta, salad, bread, and a dessert. Gluten-free options will be available. The cost of this fundraiser lunch is \$10 per person. For more information, please contact a ROG or ROG parent.

Carpet Fundraiser – Beginning Monday, February 28 through Saturday, March 2

J&S Designer Flooring in Morristown has put aside hundreds of high-end carpet remnants available to you by simply donating to PCM! Your participation helps us defray costs of the Sanctuary renovation. For more information, contact Carolyn Crosthwaite at 973-366-1844.

Mission Trip 2019 El Batey Partnership – Last day to register is Friday, March 1

Join us as we work hand-in-hand with the community of El Batey in the Dominican Republic. Our trip will include Bible school activities for children, a construction project, possibly a medical clinic, conversations with community and church leaders, and worship. All ages are welcome! \$1180 plus airfare (appx. \$500). Funding is available; do not let cost

prevent you from participating. For more information, contact Betty Darcy at bettydarcy55@gmail.com.

Host Homes Needed for College of Wooster Band

The College of Wooster Scots Band will be presenting a concert in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm. We need hosts who can provide housing for the night for college-aged students, picking them up around 9pm after the concert and dropping them off the following morning. Please contact Amy Bozza at mrsbozza@gmail.com to serve as host home.

Lent 2019 – Awakening to God

Our Lenten Daily Devotional, Awakening to God's Beauty, will be available in the Sanctuary and Parish House on Sunday March 3.

Ash Wednesday Services on Wednesday, March 6: 7:00 am, Noon, 7:00 pm – in the Chapel

Sundays in Lent: *Awakening to God: Abiding, Waiting, Satisfaction, Forgiveness, Restoration*

Lenten Small Groups: *Awakening to the God of Miracles*

Small Group meetings begin on Monday, March 11.

Alexandra Mead will be leading small groups on Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WELCOME

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are located on table on the rear left side of South Street Hall.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Room 5 on the first floor of the Parish House.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. The restrooms are located near the entrance to South Street Hall, in the middle corridor.

Special Needs?

- **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.
- **Sturdier chairs with arms** are located throughout the worship space. We ask all other members to leave these chairs available for those who need them.
- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or other special needs.

Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
 - 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel (57 E Park Place)
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Parish House (65 South Street)



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