



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

February 16, 2020
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

The Swan

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Marnie Kaller, cello & Matthew Webb, piano

* Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Reverend Sarah Green

One: Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—

Many: the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward wholeness.

One: Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—

Many: teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope, and nurture generous spirits within us.

One: Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living God—

Many: the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life.

* Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

Confession and Pardon

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words that humiliate or harm? How often do we lash out in anger, when we could reach out with kindness? How often do we hurt those we love and tear away at relationships that give life? Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us the grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to work for

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

reconciliation in our homes and in our communities. Turn our hearts back to you and teach us the ways of love, so that we might hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

Oré Poriájú Verekó

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: Friends, God has laid before us the path of life. Freed from the weight of sin, let us travel this path with Christ our Savior by loving the Lord our God and walking in God's ways.

Many: **Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

* Response: Hymn 435, v.1

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

* Passing of the Peace

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit as we hear your Word this day. Fill us with your truth that we may walk in your ways and live into the glory of your realm. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(Old Testament, page 179)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Resting

Thomas Grassi (b. 1970)

The Chancel Choir & Marnie Kaller, cello

Jesus, I am resting in the joy of what you are. I am finding out the greatness of your loving heart, your gracious, loving heart. Simply trusting you, Lord, I behold you as you are. And your love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my longing heart, my restless heart! O how great your kindness; vaster, broader than the sea! O how marvelous your goodness, lavished all on me! I rest in you, my Lord.

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:21-37 (New Testament, page 4)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Upping the Ante Rev. Green

* **Hymn 285** Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song *Bridegroom*

Moment for Mission Per Capita

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

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

Offertory

For All That Is Taylor Davis (b. 1980)

The Chancel Choir & Marnie Kaller, cello

The peaceful stream, the dancing leaf, the breeze that rollicks in the grain, the warmth of sun, the towering wave, the cool refreshment of the rain; we thank you, O God. We catch our breath at your glory, we fall to our knees in adoration. We thank you, O God. The touch of grace, the hint of heaven, the healing balm that eases pain, the broken bread, the saving cup, the sacrament we can't explain; we thank you, O God. The birthing breath, the dying sigh, the holy cycle you ordain. For every second, for every instant, we give you thanks, O God.

* **Doxology: Hymn 608** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Praise God*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Patrick Allred

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 300**

We Are One in the Spirit *They'll Know We Are Christians*

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Finale from Symphony VI

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Kevin Graf, organ

Thank you so much for your contributions toward the Souper Bowl of Caring offering. We raised \$451.30, which the middle schoolers chose to donate to Nourish.NJ!

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Sarah Green
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Patrick Allred, Youth & Young Adult Director
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar
The Chancel Choir

GREETERS

Barbara King, Lena Fermani, and Pam & Jim Wood

USHERS

Vern Verhoef, Head Usher; Wendy & Ray Doidge, Nancy Niemann,
Stan Mack, Bob Davies, and Jan Dougherty

ACOLYTES

Michael Hoppes and Ben Redgate

FLOWERS

In loving memory of Bob Harris
Flowers in the Sanctuary given by Marilyn Harris

&

In loving memory of her mother, Judith Emerson Musser
Flowers in the Narthex given by Peter & Sarah Barber

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by members of Circle 2: Nancy Rossman, Mikey Knotts,
Mary Albright, Karen Crooks & Linda McCabe.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Faith on Film: *The Bookshop* – Today at 4 p.m. in the Erdman Room

In a 1950s English town, a free-spirited widow follows her lifelong dream by opening a bookshop, spurring a cultural awakening over the objections of conservative locals. Vern Verhoef will lead a post-film discussion with pizza and salad. This film is rated PG.

Young Professionals Small Group Bible Study – Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. in the Howard House

Our small group for young professionals looking to network and grow their faith in Christ meets in the Howard House located next to the Sanctuary. Please RSVP to Rev. Dr. Smazik at dsmazik@pcmorristown.org.

All Church Dinner – Wednesday, February 26 at 6 p.m. in Sheffield Hall

All Church Dinner is back for the Lenten season. Stay after our Midweek programming or come at 6 p.m. and join us for a time of fellowship. Please RSVP to Betty Darcy.

Harmonium Choral Society Concert – Saturday, February 29 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Harmonium concert will focus on mental health with the major new cantata *Open Minds* by Rob Redei based on poetry by Deborah Kennedy and works by Allegri, Parente, Barnwell, Trumbore, James Taylor, and more. Advance tickets are \$25 (\$20 students and seniors) and available on harmonium.yapsody.com. Tickets at the door are \$30.

Inquirers' Class – Sunday, March 1 at 11 a.m. in the Howard House

Interested in joining the PCM community and want to learn more? Light refreshments will be served, and childcare is available if needed. RSVP to Sarah Galo in the main office at sgalo@pcmorristown.org.

Newton Presbytery Youth Gathering – Sunday, March 8 at 1 p.m. in the Parish House

Youth groups within our presbytery will gather for a time of fellowship and service from 1-3 p.m. We need volunteers to welcome visiting youth groups and to help serve lunch. For our service project, we will pack breakfast bags for Nourish.NJ. Please contact Patrick Allred with any questions at pallred@pcmorristown.org.

PCM Spring Kids Get Together – Saturday, March 14 at 5 p.m. in Sheffield Hall

Parents, drop off your children in grades K-5th for a night of fun and activities led by Creative Movement instructor Miss Carol. Pizza will be served. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per child. Please RSVP to Alexandra Mead at amead@pcmorristown.org or register through your Breeze profile.

Lent 2020 – Becoming a Beloved Community

Our Lenten Daily Devotional, Becoming a Beloved Community,
will be available in the Sanctuary and Parish House on Sunday, February 23

Ash Wednesday Services on Wednesday, February 26:

7:00 am, Noon, 7:00 pm – in the Chapel

Lenten Small Groups – Beginning March 2

Mondays at 1:30 p.m. with Alexandra Mead

Thursdays at 11 a.m. with Alexandra Mead

Sundays in Lent – Community Stories:

March 1 – The Temptation of Jesus

March 9 – Nicodemus

March 15 – Woman of Samaria

March 22 – Man Born Blind

March 29 – Lazarus

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.

We welcome young children in our worship services

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are located in the vestibule by Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Infant and child care** is provided in Howard House during the service. Live-streaming of the service is also available in the Howard House.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left front door.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers in the Narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Schedule:**
 - 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
 - 8:30 a.m. Adult Education Seminar at 65 South Street
 - 8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School at 65 South Street
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



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