



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN MORRISTOWN

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October 27, 2019

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Recognizing the Reverend Dr. Thomas Sheffield as Pastor Emeritus*

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**Celebration of Worship**

**Prelude**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Hal H. Hopson

Marnie Kaller, cello & Rick Kaller, piano

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

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: God formed us into beings, breathing life into the dust of the earth.

**Many: God formed us into the church, breathing life into community.**

One: Let us keep our hearts open to the leading of Christ; let us keep our minds open to the movement of the Spirit.

**Many: For God is not finished forming and re-forming. We are the church, who has been reformed. We are the church, always being reformed.**

One: Let us worship God.

**\* Hymn 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*Darvall's 148th*

**Confession and Pardon**

Pastor Linda Gaden

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Holy One, the voice of Christ beckons us to follow, but we cannot hear his voice over the noise we have created. You call us to hope, but we choose fear, for we would rather be safe than risk being faithful. You call us to stay connected to you and each other, but we seek our own path. Your offer us life, but we find ourselves perishing, buried by the burden we refuse to share. Forgive us, God of life. Heal us, and bring us peace. Amen.

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

## Kyrie:

## Love is Love is Love

Abbie Betinis

Love is love is love is love, Love is love is love is love, Oh - love - is love is love - is love, Oh - love - is love - is love - is love Oh - Love, love, love, all we need is love, love, love. All we need is U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Where there's love, - love is love. Love, love, love, all we need is love, love, love. All we need is love.

## Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Many: **The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

One: Friends, believe the gospel.

Many: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### \* Response:

## Be the Change

Marc Kaplan and Colin Britt

Be the change - you want to see in the world, be the change - you want to see in the world, be the change - you want to see in the world and change will come - to you.

**\* Passing of the Peace**

**A Time for Young Christians**

Alexandra Mead

**Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

The Reverend Dr. David Lawrence

**God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 41:8-10; 17-20 (Old Testament, page 629)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

Will You Come and Follow Me

arr. Tom Trenney

The Chancel Choir

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me? Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me? Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me? Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where you love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

**Second Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-6 (New Testament, page 182)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Aspen

The Reverend Dr. Thomas Sheffield

**\* Hymn 822**

When We Are Living

*Somos Del Señor*

**Greeting/Time of Commitment**

**Honoring our Past, Welcoming our Future**

## Offering Ourselves, Our Gifts, and Our 2020 Commitment Cards

*(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

All Shall Be Amen and Alleuia James Whitbourn (b. 1963)  
The Chancel Choir; Michele Yampolsky, piano;  
Kevin Graf, organ; Steve Hess, percussion  
*All shall be Amen and Alleluia. We shall rest and we shall see, and we shall know, and we shall love, and we shall praise. Behold our end which is no end. Alleuia. Amen.*

\* **Doxology: Hymn 607** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Old Hundredth*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise Christ, all people here below;**  
**praise Holy Spirit evermore;**  
**praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### \* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People The Reverend Joanne Miller

### 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.**

### Special Recognition of The Reverend Dr. Thomas Sheffield as Pastor Emeritus

\* **Hymn 826** Lift High the Cross *Crucifer*

### \* Benediction

### Postlude

Toccata in G Major, Allegro Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)  
Kevin Graf, organ

## WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. Thomas Sheffield  
Pastor Linda Gaden  
The Reverend Dr. David Lawrence  
The Reverend Joanne Miller  
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

Nancy & Larry Behrendt  
Kirsten & Andrew Bergamasco

## USHERS

Ray Stark, Head Usher; Vicky Willson, Abby and Colleen Ewing,  
Nancy Niemann, Gayle Pearson, and Jack Fraebel

## ACOLYTES

Bridget Ewing and Vienna Volinsky

## FLOWERS

In honor of past and current clergy leaders celebrating with us today:

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik  
Pastor Linda Gaden  
The Reverend Dr. Thomas Sheffield  
The Reverend Dr. David Lawrence  
The Reverend Joanne Miller

Given with gratitude by the Pastor Emeritus Committee

## THE PASTOR EMERITUS COMMITTEE

Cathie Eyre, John Eyre, Beth Fisher, Bruce Fisher, Marilynn Hummer,  
\*Marnie Kaller, \*Barbara King, \*Mikey Knotts, \*Paige L'Hommedieu,  
Dave Smazik, \*Sue Woodruff

*\*Speaking in service*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Young Professionals Small Group – Wednesday, October 30 at 7 a.m. in the Conference Room**

Our new weekly breakfast small group is for young professionals looking to network and grow their faith in Christ. Note that the meeting date has moved from Thursday to Wednesday. Please RSVP to [dsmazik@pcmorristown.org](mailto:dsmazik@pcmorristown.org)

## **All Church Dinner – Wednesday, October 30 at 6 p.m. in Sheffield Hall.**

Stay after our Midweek programming or come at 6 p.m. and join us for a time of fellowship. Please RSVP to [bettydarcy55@gmail.com](mailto:bettydarcy55@gmail.com).

## **Trunk or Treat – Thursday, October 31 at 3 p.m. in the Parish House Parking Lot**

Donations and volunteers are needed for our annual Trunk or Treat event! Please drop off any candy or water bottles at the Parish House. If you are interested in decorating your car trunk, please stop by the What's Up Table to sign up with Cheryl Maginley.

## **All Saints' Service of Remembrance – Sunday, November 3 at 10 a.m.**

We will light candles in honor and remembrance of all our church members who have died this past year. The Chancel Choir will present *Lux Aeterna* by Morten Lauridsen as part of this service.

## **Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 3**

The Session of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown has called a Special Congregational meeting on November 3, 2019 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the election of new officers, the Class of 2022, and for the approval of our auditors.

## **Faith on Film: Amazing Grace – Sunday, November 10 at 4 p.m. in the Erdman Room**

Only released in 2018, *Amazing Grace* features Aretha Franklin recording her 1972 live album at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church backed by the Southern California Community Choir. A time of discussion over pizza and salad will follow.

# WELCOME

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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.

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## Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are located in the vestibule by Howard House.
- **Infant and child care** is provided in Howard House during the service, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **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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