



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN MORRISTOWN

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March 15, 2020  
*The Third Sunday in Lent*

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Celebration of Worship

**Prelude**

Herongate

Kevin Graf, organ

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

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

The Reverend Sarah Green

One: Come, you who are thirsty,

**Many: here is living water.**

One: Come, you who are despairing,

**Many: here is the rock of our salvation.**

One: Come, let us drink from the well of grace.

**Many: Let us worship the Lord!**

**\* Hymn 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

**Confession and Pardon**

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

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

Lord, time and again you defy our expectations. You cross barriers of culture and creed and look into the eyes of marginalized strangers. We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division. While you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. While you see the true person, we insist on seeing only stereotypes. Astonish us with your grace, O God. Fill us with your living

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

water and transform us. Inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen.

**Kyrie: Hymn 471**                      O Lord, Hear My Prayer                      *Hear My Prayer*  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

### Silent Prayer

#### Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. While we were enemies of God, God loved us.

Many: **Once we were lost and dead— now Christ has become our life and salvation.**

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

**\* Response: Hymn 698**                      Take, O Take Me as I Am                      *Take Me As I Am*  
**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;**  
**set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

### A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

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

**Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### First Scripture Reading:                      John 4:5-15

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)[a] Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but

those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem**

Sicut cervus

Giovanni da Palestrina (1525-1594)

The Chancel Choir

*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

### **Second Scripture Reading:** John 4:16-30; 39-42

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you[a] say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he,[b] the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah,[c] can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. . . Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

Stories of the Beloved Community – Woman of Samaria

Rev. Green

### **\* Hymn 177**

I Will Come to You

*You Are Mine*

### **Stephen Leader Commissioning – Jim Wood**

## Greeting

*(Please place your offerings for the ministry and mission of the body of Christ in the offering plates located in the Narthex at the conclusion of the service.)*

## Offertory

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

The Chancel Choir

*O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, eternal light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration, O Savior turn on us thy loving eye! Send down on us the fire of thy grace all-consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with thy radiance, that they may waken thy mercy to tell! O Christ, bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee, accept the hymns we offer to thine eternal glory and these thy gifts we return unto thee.*

## \* Doxology: Hymn 708, v.1

We Give Thee but Thine Own

*Schumann*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

## \* 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 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*Kingsfold*

## \* Benediction

### Postlude

Toccatà

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

Kevin Graf, organ

## WORSHIP LEADERS

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

## GREETERS

Marcia & Ken Heiden and Marnie & Richard Kaller

## USHERS

Craig Dodd, Head Usher; Wendy & Ray Doidge, Rich Schwartz,  
Vicky Willson, Stan Mack, and Jack Fraebel

## ACOLYTES

Caleigh Lawlor and Liam Lawlor

## FLOWERS

On behalf of the Worship & Music Committee thanking the ushers, greeters, communion servers, acolytes, fellowship hosts, custodians, child care, choir members and musicians, and church office staff for their efforts in supporting our Fresh Traditional services every Sunday.

## STATEMENT ON COVID-19

As the COVID-19/Coronavirus situation continues to develop, PCM leadership and staff are working proactively to respond to the need for increased awareness of the transmission of viruses. We will continue to monitor recommendations for public gatherings and take precautions to provide safe and healthy services and activities.

For updates on this rapidly evolving situation, please visit our website and sign up for ChurchMail if you have not already done so.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

When two rebellious women cross paths in Jerusalem, it soon changes both of their lives in startling and unexpected ways. Vern Verhoef will lead a post-film discussion. This film is not rated.

## **Caregiver Group – Wednesday, March 18 at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room**

***Call in option available via phone or computer!***

Are you caring for a loved one facing significant health challenges? Would you like the support and care of others in your congregation as you walk this challenging journey? At this organizational meeting, we will talk about the possible shape of a new caregivers' support group. Please contact Rev. Sarah Green with any questions on how to connect virtually at [sgreen@pcmorristown.org](mailto:sgreen@pcmorristown.org).

## **Jazz Vespers – Sunday, March 22 at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Our very own Director of Youth & Young Adults Patrick Allred will be one of the special guests participating in this service! Experience a new expression of worship with a musical style that transcends generations. Jazz is a uniquely American musical expression, which mirrors many of the dimensions in our lives: authenticity, movement, dissonance and improvisation.

## **Sunday Morning Seminar: Archaeology and Acts: Glimpses of Paul's World, Jean Sorabella – Sunday, March 29 at 8:30 a.m. in the Erdman Room**

An exploration of the archaeological indications of the early Christians' world. Jean Sorabella is an independent art historian and writer. She earned her doctorate from Columbia University, and is a freelance lecturer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She is also the mother of three PCM Nursery School graduates who now participate eagerly in the church's Midweek program. This series will continue on Sunday, April 26.

## **Sew and So: Crafters Unlimited – Monday, March 30 from 2-4 p.m. in the Erdman Room**

Our new group may be just what you need to kick start your creative genius (again)! Bring your project(s) and join us for a time of fellowship and crafting. Please contact Sue Woodruff at 908-879-6638 or [shwoodruff@comcast.net](mailto:shwoodruff@comcast.net) to indicate your interest.

## **Clothing Bank Donations Needed**

Jan's Closet is in need of seasonally appropriate men and women's clothes and shoes. Please drop off any new or gently used donations during office hours at the Parish House.

# HOLY WEEK

## **Palm Sunday – April 5** *It Takes a Village*

8 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel

10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with **Children’s Palm Procession** Tower Ringers

## **Labyrinth – April 6-9**

The labyrinth will be available to walk and pray through during the day (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) on Tuesday, April 7 through Thursday, April 9 and during the evening (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.) on Monday, April 6 through Wednesday, April 8.

## **Maundy Thursday – April 9**

7:30 p.m. Stories from the Beloved Community

## **Good Friday – April 10**

12 p.m. Service in the Sanctuary – **Brahms Requiem**

## **Easter Sunday – April 12** *Resurrection Power*

8 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary

10 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary with **all choirs and instrumental ensemble**

## **Easter Memorial Flowers**

With a gift for Easter decorations at the church, you can: celebrate an anniversary, birthday or birth; honor someone special in your life; remember a loved one who has died.

Your gift of any amount will be gratefully received.

Please fill out our online form or contact the main office directly to submit your dedication. Checks should be made out to The Presbyterian Church in Morristown and forms must be received no later than Monday, April 6. Together let us celebrate Christ as we remember the gifts and people of our lives. Contact: Sarah Galo at 973-538-1776, ext. 10 or [sgalo@pcmorristown.org](mailto:sgalo@pcmorristown.org)

# 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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## 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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