



# The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

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May 17, 2020

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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## Celebration of Worship

### Call to Worship *(responsively)*

The Reverend Sarah Green

One: O people, praise our God, the Artist of creation, the Lord of heaven and earth.

Many: **We praise our Maker with shouts of joy!**

One: O people, worship our God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Many: **We worship the Lord who gives us life and breath.**

One: O people, seek the Lord, our Helper who is never far away.

Many: **We seek the Lord who is faithful to us, and bless God's holy name.**

### Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Hyfrydol*

### Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

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

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for comfort and hope. Loving us, you have brought us good news and set before us the way of Life. Yet we confess that we persist in stubborn pride and fail to walk according to your way. Caught up in our own struggles, we carelessly dismiss the cries of others. Consumed with the anxiety of making a living in uncertain times, we fail to see the life you spin before us. Bowed by the weight of isolation, we listen more to the echo chamber of our own thoughts than to you. Forgive us, God of grace. We thank you that you do not leave us alone in our sin and despair, but raise us to new life with your Son. Fill us with resurrection and fix our feet to your path once more. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: Truly, God has listened and given heed to the words of our prayer.

Many: **Blessed be God, who has not rejected us or removed God's steadfast love from us.**

One: Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ.

Many: **With peace in our hearts, we rejoice that our sins are forgiven.**

## A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

### Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

**Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate. Open our hearts and minds this day, and entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life and send us to share Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings John 14:15-21; Acts 17:22-31

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Finding God

Rev. Green

## Ministry in Music

Wonderful, Merciful Savior  
Stacy Dove, Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro, Matthew Webb

Rodgers & Wyse

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Patrick Allred

**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 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

*Need*

## Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Sarah Green, the Reverend Dr. David Smazik Dr. Matthew Webb, Kevin Graf, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, and Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro. Thank you to Jenny Tooley, Sheldon Rajkumar, and Bruce Frazier for their assistance.

### **Online Meetings**

Although our physical doors are closed, our spiritual and outreach doors continue to remain open. Please see below for our online programming; if you have any questions or concerns about accessing weekly programs, please contact the leader listed.

Sundays at 1:30 p.m. – High School Youth Group led by Patrick Allred

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. – Midweek Prayer and Check-In Call led by Rev. Sarah Green

**Wednesday at 4 p.m. – End of Year Midweek Celebration**

*Please contact Alexandra Mead for further details.*

Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. – Middle School Youth Group led by Patrick Allred

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. – Music Ministry Hangout led by Matt Webb

Fridays at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group led by Rev. Sarah Green

Sunday Morning Worship is available online. The service will be posted on the website on Sunday mornings at 8 a.m.



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