



The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

May 24, 2020

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: Shout to God with songs of joy!

Many: **We worship the Christ—the Exalted One, who sits above every ruler and authority.**

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Many: **We bless the Spirit—the Hand of God, who lifts us into heavenly courts.**

Hymn 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

You call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth and clothe us with power from on high. Yet we stand still, our eyes fixed on the heavens, as though Jesus will reappear in the clouds to point the way. We cling to the past, for we find comfort in familiar traditions, even if they no longer serve your purposes. We fear the future, for we cannot imagine a new season of ministry, even though you promise to empower us. Refocus us, O Lord, and fill us with expectant hope as we step into the future you will bring. Baptize us again with your Spirit and enlighten our hearts to discern your will, so that we might embody the fullness of Christ at work in the world. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

(Ephesians 1:17-19)

One: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

Many: **so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know what is the hope to which he has called us,**

One: which are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

Many: **and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Patrick Allred

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 47, John 17:1-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Searching for Glory

Rev. Dr. Smazik

Hymn 264

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

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 826

Lift High the Cross

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Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. David Smazik, the Reverend Sarah Green, 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

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals Small Group

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

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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