



The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

July 12, 2020

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

The Reverend David Smazik

One: God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Many: **We gather 'round table, font, and pulpit to root ourselves in sacred story and grow in faith.**

One: God's teachings are our heritage; they bring joy to searching hearts.

Many: **We gather in God's presence to offer our thanks and praise!**

Hymn 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

Noel

Confession and Pardon

Elder Lisa Fraebel

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and images; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

(Romans 8:1-2)

One: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Many: **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death.**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Minute for Mission

Diversity Day 2020

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in our light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Fertile Ground

Rev. Smazik

Anthem

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Sonya Headlam, soprano & Matthew Webb, piano

Margaret Bonds

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Sarah Green

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.

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Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. David Smazik, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Elder Lisa Fraebel, Alexandra Mead, Kevin Graf, Steve Hess, and our Choral Scholars. Thank you to Bruce Frazier, Richard Parke, Sheldon Rajkumar, and Jenny Tooley 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.

Thursday, July 16 at 5:00 p.m. – Middle School Youth Group led by Patrick Allred
Friday, July 17 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group led by Rev. Sarah Green
Sunday, July 19 at 1:30 p.m. – High School Youth Group led by Patrick Allred
Tuesday, July 21 at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals Small Group at the Howard House
Wednesday, July 22 at 4:30 p.m. – Middle School Youth Group led by Patrick Allred
Thursday, July 23 at 11 a.m. – Red Cross Blood Drive at the Parish House

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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