



The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

July 19, 2020

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: We have come to worship the living God,

Many: who knit us together when we were yet unnamed, and welcomes us with a parent's embrace.

One: We have come to worship the almighty God,

Many: who searches us and knows our hearts, and still loves us completely.

One: We have come to worship the eternal God,

Many: who seeks us wherever we are and shepherds us with a guiding hand.

Hymn 411

God Is Here Today

Dios Está Aquí

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we cultivate kindness and our lives bear fruit that blesses the world. You know, too, when our words sow seeds of discord and our actions choke out generosity and grace. When we produce more weeds than wheat, forgive us. As we wait with eager longing for your reign to be revealed in our midst, plant within us gifts of love and mercy, so that we might live as children of the kingdom and bear fruit that enriches your harvest. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Psalm 86:12-13

One: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

Many: and I will glorify your name forever.

One: For great is your steadfast love toward me;

Many: you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Patrick Allred

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Crowded Out

Rev. Dr. Smazik

Anthem

Draw the Circle Wide
The Choral Scholars

Mark A. Miller

Prayers of the People and 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 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Benediction

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

Upcoming 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.

Sunday, July 19 at 12:30 p.m. – HS Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot

Tuesday, July 21 at 9 a.m. – Bible Study with Rev. Paula Cooper via Zoom

Tuesday, July 21 at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals Small Group at the Howard House

Wednesday, July 22 at 4:30 p.m. – MS Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot

Thursday, July 23 at 11 a.m. – Red Cross Blood Drive at the Parish House

Friday, July 24 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group led by Sarah Green via Zoom

Save the date for Zoom Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 2 at 11 a.m.!

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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