



# The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

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June 28, 2020

*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Graduation and Confirmation Sunday*

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## Celebration of Worship

Welcome

Patrick Allred

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

Vienna Volinsky

One: Happy are we, O Lord, when we walk in the light of your countenance.

Many: **We exult in your name all day long and extol your righteousness.**

One: Your steadfast love is established forever.

Many: **Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Hymn 656

We've Come This Far By Faith

*This Far By Faith*

Confession and Pardon

Jacob Gulisano

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

Holy God, in baptism you claim us as beloved children and set us apart as witnesses to your love. At times we forget that we bear the mark of your grace and act as if you have no claim on our lives. You call us to the risky work of justice and peace, but we default to what is comfortable and safe. You call us to ministries of generosity and compassion, but we make little room in our busy lives for gestures of mercy beyond moments of spontaneous kindness. Wash us again with your grace and transform us by your Word, that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen.

Silent Prayer

**Assurance of Pardon** (*responsively*)      *Based on Romans 6:13-14, 23*      Anna Alessio

One:      The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Many:      Sin no longer has dominion over us, since we are not under the law but under grace.**

One:      Let us then present ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness.

**Many:      We rejoice that, through Christ, we have been brought from death to life.**

**Minute for Mission – Youth Edition**

Patrick Allred

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

Caleigh Lawlor

**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 Reading**

Genesis 22:1-14

Ben Redgate

One:      This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many:      Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Year of Change

Paige Leahy

**Hymn 759**

O God, We Bear the Imprint

*Todos Los Colores*

**Presentation of Our Confirmation Class**

**Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

Luke Stebbins

*(Compiled from the confirmands' personal statements of faith)*

**We believe in the Creator God, Savior Jesus, and the Connecting Holy Spirit. On the journey that is life, we believe that God is our guide who is leading us through the forks in the road, the hills and valleys, and the nice and rough moments. Baptism is the start of this faith journey. Whenever we remember our baptism or partake in communion, they are like roads that lead us back to God. We believe that God has created everything and everyone, and that the presence of God is with everything and everyone. This reminds us that God has a plan for everything and everyone, and like the story of Esther, God could be leading us to a particular moment, the very moment for which we have been created. One of the moments that we**

believe that we have been called to is the service of God's people. Whenever we help those who are in need, we are walking in the footsteps of Jesus. We believe that God speaks through the Scriptures in ways, such as parables, so we can understand God's grace and the love that God has for all of creation. We believe that God speaks to us in the life of Christ as an example for how to treat others with love and compassion even when they return it with hate. We believe that the Holy Spirit, while hard to understand, is the connecting presence that brings us closer to God and other people. We believe that God is always showing Godself to us through living things such as the butterflies in the air, or through concepts like fishing that illustrate that God is patient and steadfast with human beings. Even though we sin and are disobedient, God is always present in our lives and offers forgiveness. Let us always be in your care, O Lord, surround us with your community, and let us always be those who take comfort in your grace. Amen.

### **Honoring our Seniors**

Musical Offering

You Raise Me Up  
Caleigh Lawlor, vocalist

Graham & Lovland

### **The Awarding of Scholarships**

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

Griffin Thomas

*(Our confirmands wrote several parts of this prayer during their class on February 23, 2020)*

**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.**

### **Benediction**

Paige Leahy

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. David Smazik, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Patrick Allred, our Confirmands, and our Seniors. 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.

Sunday, June 28 at 9:00 a.m. – Electronics Recycling Event in the Parish House Parking Lot

Sunday, June 28 at 1:30 p.m. – High School Youth Group led by Patrick Allred

Thursday, July 2 at 5:00 p.m. – Middle School Youth Group Virtual Sandwich Making led by Patrick Allred

Friday, July 3 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group led by Rev. Sarah Green

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

Wednesday, July 8 at 1 p.m. – Midweek Prayer and Check-In Call 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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