



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

August 16, 2020

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Reverend Sarah Green

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Many: A family formed by faith, we gather to worship the Living Lord.

One: The Lord says, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Many: A family formed by faith, we gather to kneel before the Giver of Mercy.

One: No matter who we are, the Lord gathers us in and calls us God's own.

Many: Let us praise God!

Hymn 398

How Very Good and Pleasant

How Very Good

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One, there is much we must confess. When we discount another's pain or overlook neighbors in distress, forgive us. When we choose callous words over compassionate impulses, forgive us. When we think others less deserving of grace than we are and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted, forgive us. Have mercy upon us, Lord, and heal our brokenness so that every word and deed that proceeds from our hearts might glorify you. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Romans 11:29

One: Friends, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Receive the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Many: **We rejoice in God's mercy for us! Thanks be to God!**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Sacrament of Baptism

The Baptism

Nathan Alexander Sarver, son of Sarah Green and Eric Sarver

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Lord, by the power of your Spirit, give us your words of life that our faith may increase and our hearts be made whole. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:10-28

Leah Curnow

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Messy Grace

Rev. Green

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 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany

Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. David Smazik, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Leah Curnow, 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.

Today at 11 a.m. – Zoom Coffee Hour

Tuesday, August 18 at 9 a.m. – Bible Study with Paula Cooper via Zoom

Friday, August 21 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group via Zoom led by Rev. Sarah Green

Friday, August 21 at 1 p.m. – Farewell to Dave and Ann Drive-In at the PH Parking Lot

Sunday, August 23 at 11 a.m. – Farewell to Dave and Ann Drive-In at the PH Parking Lot

Sunday, August 23 at 3:30 p.m. – Farewell to Dave and Ann Drive-In at the PH Parking Lot

Sunday Morning Worship is available online.

The service will be posted on the website on Sundays at 8 a.m.



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