



The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

July 26, 2020

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

The Reverend Sarah Green

One: Blessed be God whose word gives light and shapes our understanding.

Many: Our souls long for you, O Lord.

One: Blessed be God whose face shines upon us.

Many: Be gracious to us, Merciful Savior.

One: Blessed be God who guides our way and steadies our steps.

Many: Lead us into life, Holy One.

Hymn 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Jennings-Houston

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of righteousness, wisdom, and goodness. We trust our own standards, and we use them to separate, categorize, and mark the performance of others. We fail to wait on your power, hidden in unlikely form. We fail to watch for you as you work out your purposes through the smallest of things. Gracious God, mysterious and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield our trusted judgments to your love which we cannot control. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Romans 8:31, 38-39

One: What then are we to say about these things?

Many: If God is for us, who is against us?

One: Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Let us then rejoice in the good news:

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Patrick Allred

Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken; intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 119:129-136;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Space and Time

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 450

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Sarah Green, the Reverend Dr. David Smazik, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, Kevin Graf, and Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro. 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 26 at 12:30 p.m. – HS Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot

Monday, July 27 – HS Youth Group Mission Trip Begins

Tuesday, July 28 at 9 a.m. – Bible Study with Rev. Paula Cooper via Zoom

Tuesday, July 28 at 10 a.m. – Outdoor Clothing Bank (No donations accepted at this time.)

Thursday, July 30 at 5 p.m. – MS Youth Group via Zoom led by Patrick Allred

Friday, July 31 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group led by Sarah Green via Zoom

Sunday, August 2 at 11 a.m. – Zoom Coffee Hour

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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