



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

August 23, 2020

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

Celebration in Song Chichester Psalms (Psalms 108:2, 100) Leonard Bernstein
The Chancel Choir, Drew University Choirs, Festival Orchestra

Call to Worship (*responsively*) The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

Many: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

One: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Many: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

Hymn 683 Lord of All Hopefulness *Courtney*

Confession and Pardon The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We try to master your creation but cannot grasp your great design. We want to share the throne of glory but cannot bear the call to sacrificial love. Forgive us, God of grace. Save us from ourselves and give us the humility to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Romans 12:9-13

One: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

Many: love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

One: Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Many: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Sacrament of Baptism

Aaron Jay Bovee, son of Peter and Sarah Bovee

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-17; Romans 12:1-2

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Greatest of These is Love

Dr. Smazik

Recognition of Ministry

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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

Benediction

Sending Music

Cold Duck Time

Eddie Harris

Steve Hess, drums; Mark Weber, piano; Bud Ayres, bass

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. David Smazik, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, the Chancel Choir, and the Steve Hess Trio. Thank you to Bruce Frazier, Richard Parke, Sheldon Rajkumar, and Jenny Tooley for their assistance.

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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