



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN MORRISTOWN**

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**August 30, 2020**  
*The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**Celebration of Worship**

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

The Reverend Sarah Green

One: O give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.

Many: **We will sing praises to God and tell of all God's wonderful works.**

One: Seek the Lord's presence continually. Seek God's strength.

Many: **We remember all that the Lord has done for us and rejoice in God's steadfast love.**

One: Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

**Hymn 372**

O for a World

*Azmon*

**Confession and Pardon**

Dr. Matthew Webb

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. Blind us with the light of your truth and grace. Free us from our past and open us to a future grounded in your ways and filled with your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon** (*responsively*)

One: Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit, we have died to the old life and a new life has begun.

Many: **God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.**

One: Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life!

Many: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

### Sacrament of Baptism

Zoe Schultz, *daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Schultz*

Julia Havelin, *daughter of Joseph and Jennifer Havelin*

### Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts 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.**

### First Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:15-31

Ben Knesl

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-19

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Do We Wander in the Wilderness, or  
Do We Respond to God's Call or Both?

Rev. Jeanne Radak

### 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 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

*Argentina*

### Benediction

Today's service is led by the Presbytery Leader the Reverend Jeanne Radak, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Ben Knesl, 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. If you have any questions or concerns about accessing weekly programs, please contact the leader listed.

Thursday, September 3 at 7 p.m. – Fall Kick-Off Committee Meetings via Zoom

Friday, September 4 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group led by Sarah Green via Zoom

Pending approval, **Midweek will begin on Wednesday, September 16 at 4:15 p.m.**

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson will begin on Tuesday, September 1 as our Bridge Interim Pastor. You can contact him at [edhalldorson@pcmorristown.org](mailto:edhalldorson@pcmorristown.org).

### **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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