



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

October 11, 2020

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson

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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

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.

Kyrie: Hymn 602

Holy Lamb of God

Ya Hamallalah

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

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.

Response: Hymn 538

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Pelo Tsa Rona

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Moment for Mission

Stewardship – Nursery School

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 this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 6: 19-24

Emma MacGregor

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 32: 1-14

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Matters

Rev. Dr. Halldorson

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 739

O for a Closer Walk with God

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Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, Emma MacGregor, Kevin Graf, and members of the Chancel Choir. Thank you to Bruce Frazier, Richard Parke, Sheldon Rajkumar, and Jenny Tooley for their assistance.

Upcoming Meetings

If you have any questions or concerns about accessing weekly programs, please contact the leader listed.

Today at 12:30 p.m. – Ringers on the Green in the Narthex

Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals Small Group via Zoom

Wednesday, October 14 at 4:15 p.m. – Midweek and Middle School Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot

Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. – Chancel Ringers in the Narthex

Friday, October 16 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group via Zoom

Saturday, October 17 at 9 a.m. – In-Reach Day at Member Homes

Saturday, October 17 at 10 a.m. – Jan's Closet at the Parish House Parking Lot

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson is our Bridge Interim Pastor. You can contact him at ehalldorson@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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