



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

October 18, 2020

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson

One: Children of God, come to the waters.

Many: We gather to be restored and renewed.

One: Come, with your faith and your doubt.

Many: We respond to the one who claims and calls us.

One: Christ summons us to draw near.

Many: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

Hymn 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, forgive us when we forego peace for easy resolution; when we trade justice for convenience; when we doubt whether you are real enough, whether we are good enough, whether your love is strong enough to overcome the destructive powers of our world. Forgive us, God, and move us to know your transformative grace. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 602

Holy Lamb of God

Ya Hamallalah

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

One: It is hard for us to believe, or to understand Christ's great love for us.

Many: Yet the meaning is clear; our sins are forgiven.

Response: Hymn 538

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Pelo Tsa Rona

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Moment for Mission

Stewardship: Primary Grades & MAP

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Patrick Allred

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Mekhi Lawrence

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 33: 12-23

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reluctantly Going Forward

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 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Randolph

Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, Mekhi Lawrence, 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. – Confirmation Class in Sheffield Hall
12:30 p.m. – Ringers on the Green in the Narthex
1:15 p.m. – High School Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot
5:00 p.m. – Stewardship Affinity Groups via Zoom

Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals Small Group via Zoom
Wednesday, October 21 at 4:15 p.m. – Midweek and Middle School Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot
Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. – Chancel Ringers in the Narthex
Friday, October 23 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group via Zoom

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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