



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN MORRISTOWN**

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**October 18, 2020**

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**Celebration of Worship**

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

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

**Many: whom shall I fear?**

One: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**Many: of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: From our daily labors, the Lord summons us.

**Many: Freed from fear, we are bold to follow.**

**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](mailto: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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