



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

October 4, 2020
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson

One: Lord Christ, open our eyes

Many: to see clearly the light of the world.

One: Holy Spirit, illumine our minds

Many: to perceive God's glory shining among us.

One: Almighty God, prepare our hearts

Many: to see, to trust, to worship the Messiah.

Hymn 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

Shepherds' Pipes

Confession and Pardon

Dr. Matthew Webb

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you call us to worship and to serve only you. Yet, when other things demand our attention, we stray from the path Jesus trod. We serve powers that privilege the comfort of some over the well-being of many. We serve a culture that values competition over collaboration. We serve our own desires without considering the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to guide us back to you, that we might respond to the grace we know in Christ and follow the ways of justice and righteousness. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 602

Holy Lamb of God

Ya Hamallalah

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

Many: **but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

Response: Hymn 538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Pelo Tsa Rona

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination

Patrick Allred

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 22: 34-40

Colin Hoppes

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 20: 1-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

At Least, Do This

Rev. Dr. Halldorson

Sacrament of Communion

Communion Prayer 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 686

God of Our Life

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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, Kevin Graf, the Choral Scholars, Raphaela Athayde, Gloria Hu, Monika Stebbins, Marjorie Galinkin, France Delle Donne, Steve Kass, and Colin Hoppes. 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

Today at 1:15 p.m. – High School Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot

Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals Small Group via Zoom

Wednesday, October 7 at 4:15 p.m. – Midweek and Middle School Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot

Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. – Chancel Ringers in the Narthex

Friday, October 9 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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