



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

September 13, 2020
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship (*responsively*) The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson
One: We dare to worship, for we have heard:
Many: We have heard the mighty voice and the whisper small and still.
One: We dare to worship, for we have tasted:
Many: We have tasted the bread of life and the sweetness of God's grace.
One: Let us worship God.

Hymn 476 Crashing Waters at Creation *Crashing Waters*

Confession and Pardon The Reverend Sarah Green
Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

You have called us to serve you with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Too often our energy fades, and we waste our intelligence. We do not have the time for imagination or the patience for love. Your hope is abundant and your truth steadfast, yet we cannot trust the depth of your grace and power. Forgive us, God of mercy, and move us to know the goodness of your reign. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 575 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us *Pardini*

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

One: My Friends, hear the good news.

Many: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

One: Forgiveness is a gift of God given through the name of Jesus Christ.

Many: **We thank God for a chance to begin again.**

Response: Hymn 587

Alleluia!

Celtic Alleluia

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Scripture Reading

Romans 14:7-12

Michael Hoppes

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hope for the Hopeless

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 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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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, Kevin Graf, The Choral Scholars, and Michael Hoppes. 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.

Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15 – Book Group: *How to Be an Antiracist* led by Matt Webb via Zoom

Friday, September 18 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group led by Sarah Green via Zoom

Sunday, September 20 at 1:30 p.m. – Outdoor Youth Group Kick-Off at the Parish House

Midweek will begin on Wednesday, September 16.

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group

Midweek for Pre-K – 5th Grade

Led by Mrs. Mead and Mr. A-P

5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Tower Ringers/Cantabo

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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