



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN MORRISTOWN**

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**September 27, 2020**  
*The Seventeenth 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 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

**Confession and Pardon**

The Reverend Sarah Green

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Lord, time and again you defy our expectations. You cross barriers of culture and creed and look into the eyes of marginalized strangers. We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division. While you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. While you see the true person, we insist on seeing only stereotypes. Astonish us with your grace, O God. Fill us with your living water and transform us. Inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen.**

**Kyrie: Hymn 575**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

*Pardini*

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon** (*responsively*)

One: It is hard for us to believe,

Many: **and to understand Christ's great love for us.**

One: Yet the meaning is clear:

Many: **our sins are forgiven.**

**Response: Hymn 587**

Alleluia!

*Celtic Alleluia*

**A Time for Young Christians**

Alexandra Mead

**Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

Patrick Allred

**God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading**

Exodus 17: 1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Scripture Reading**

Philippians 2: 1-11

Liam Lawlor

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

When It Is Hard to Believe

Rev. Dr. Halldorson

**Moment for Mission**

In-Reach

Jeffrey Cramer

**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 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

**Benediction**

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, Liam Lawlor, 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 1 p.m. – High School Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot

Monday, September 28 at 7 p.m. – Book Group: *How to Be an Antiracist* led by Matt Webb via Zoom

Wednesday, September 30 at 4:15 p.m. – Midweek and Middle School Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot

Thursday, October 1 at 11 a.m. – Red Cross Blood Drive in South Street Hall

Friday, October 2 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group led by Sarah Green 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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