



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

September 6, 2020

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Holy Manna

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, you teach us compassion, and we practice bigotry. You implore us to trust you, while we create idols. You send Christ as a witness that you will not forsake us; yet we fret over matters as though you cared not at all. Forgive our compulsion to control our own destiny. Look kindly upon us when we fear for our future. Have mercy upon us when we mismanage your grace. **We are your people; help us to dwell in your promise. Amen.**

("When We Gather" by James G. Kirk)

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Many: **The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

One: Friends, believe the gospel.

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

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 18: 15-20

Camryn MacGregor

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Soon-ah Will Be Done
The Chancel Choir

William Dawson

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 12: 1-14

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Where God Resides

Rev. Dr. Halldorson

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The leader continues...

...Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore.

Sung Response (*Music for Response S4, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 9*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The leader continues...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Sung Response (*Music for Response S5, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 10*)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The leader continues...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Sung Response (*Music for Response S6, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 11*)

Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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 233

The Day of Resurrection

Lancashire

Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Kevin Graf, the Choral Scholars, the Chancel Choir, Alexandra Mead, and Camryn MacGregor. 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 7 and Tuesday, September 8 – Book Group: *How to Be an Antiracist* led by Matt Webb via Zoom

Friday, September 11 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group led by Sarah Green via Zoom

Stay tuned for more information on the start of Midweek and Youth Programs!

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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