



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Reverend Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp

One: God created the heavens and the earth.

Many: And God saw that it was good.

One: When John baptized Jesus, the heavens opened.

**Many: God said: This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.**

Hymn 493

Now There Is No Male or Female

Omni Die

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are. We are not worthy to kneel at your feet. We are not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. Loosen the ties that bind us to sin, and set us free to love and serve you. Awaken in us sincere repentance, that we may shine with the light of your saving grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

One: Hear the good news of the gospel.

Many: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination

Patrick Allred

Send your Holy Spirit, O God. Tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as your beloved children. Give us ears to hear Your word, and in hearing, act in Your name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Daniella Geary

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pandemic Graces

Rev. Dobbs-Allsopp

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 295

Go to the World

Sine Nomine

Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, Kevin Graf, Daniella Geary, and the Choral Scholars. Thank you to Bruce Frazier, Richard Parke, Sheldon Rajkumar, Carolyn Crosthwaite, and Jenny Tooley for their assistance.

Liturgy adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*, Year B Vol 1; KB Long, Editor.

Please join us for a **Virtual Coffee Hour today at 11am** welcoming Rev. Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp, our new Interim Senior Minister.

The Zoom meeting details:

Meeting ID: 840 2043 5948, Passcode: 148207

You may contact Leslie at ldobbs-allsopp@pcmorristown.org.

Sunday Morning Worship is available online.

The service will be posted on the website on Sundays at 8 a.m.



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1 Now there is no male or fe-male; now there is no free or slave;
 2 Cru - ci - fied with Christ the Sav-ior, bap-tized in his ho - ly death,
 3 Death has no do - min-ion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;



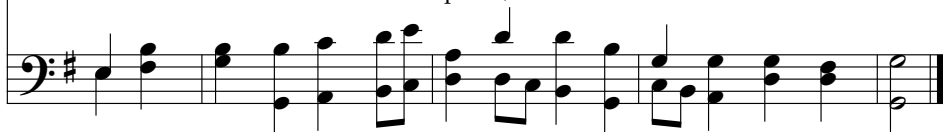
now there is no Jew or Gen-tile in the earth Christ died to save.
 and as Christ was raised to glo - ry we have new life on this earth.
 life's own wa-ters now have marked us, born to God this ver - y hour.



Christ has set us free for free-dom: we no more sing slav-ery's creed;
 Power of wa-ter and God's nam-ing, turn - ing us from dark to light,
 From this mo-ment and for - ev - er dead to sin, a - live in Christ,



old sub - mis-sions can - not claim us; Christ has set us free in - deed.
 joins us to those who, be - fore us, ran the race and fought the fight.
 born of wa - ter and the Spir-it, now in Christ we find our life.



Opening with an allusion to Galatians 3:28 and closing with one to John 3:5, this text is filled with specific scriptural phrases related to baptism. It also includes larger themes like the parallels with the deliverance of Israel from slavery through the waters of the Red Sea.

Go to the World!

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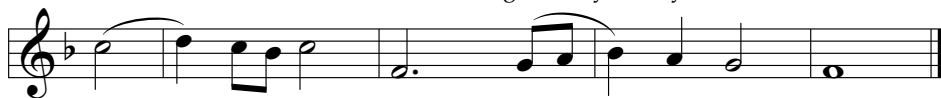
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.