



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN MORRISTOWN**

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**March 14, 2021**  
*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

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**Celebration of Worship**

**Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Reverend Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

Many: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**Hymn 826**

Lift High the Cross

*Crucifer*

**Confession and Pardon**

The Reverend Sarah Green

**By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God, from all that separates us from you. Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love. Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control. Forgive us when we do not recognize the gift of your grace. Have mercy when we refuse to share that grace with others. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

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

One: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Many: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**A Time for Young Christians**

Alexandra Mead

**Prayer for Illumination**

Patrick Allred

**Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open your Word and illumine our world, that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Colin Hoppes

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Scripture Reading**

John 3:11-24

Patrick Allred

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Lean into the Light

Rev. Dobbs-Allsopp

**Moment for Mission**

One Great Hour of Sharing

Vicky Willson

**Offering**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Green

**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 792**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*Balm in Gilead*

**Benediction**

Rev. Dobbs-Allsopp

**Today's service is led by** the Reverend Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp,  
the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred,  
Colin & Michael Hoppes, Kevin Graf, and the Choral Scholars.

**Special thanks** to Bruce Frazier, Richard Parke, Sheldon Rajkumar,  
Carolyn Crosthwaite, and Jenny Tooley for their assistance.

**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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## Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

*to Refrain*

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

## There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. *Fine*

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and  
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a  
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a  
 tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

*to Refrain*

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."