



*God will cover you with his pinions,
and under God's wings you will find
refuge; God's faithfulness is a shield
and buckler.*

Psalm 91:4

September 25, 2016

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebration of Worship

* If you are able, please stand.

Prelude

Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig

Kevin Graf, organ

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

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

The Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Leader: Do not put your trust in earthly riches.

People: Our hope is in the Lord our God.

Leader: Take hold of the gift of eternal life.

People: To this we are called in Jesus Christ.

* **Hymn 320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

Confession and Pardon

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty and loving God, we admit our sin. We confess our pride. We have been sure of our goodness and often judged others as being less than we are. We confess our anxiety; we have worried over trivial things and not trusted you as we might have done. We demand justice in others and often forget that you require us to be fair, just, honest, and merciful. Forgive us God of grace. Make us rich in good words, generous, and eager to share all the blessings of abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 782, v.3

Hear My Prayer, O God

Hymn Chant

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.**

*** Response: Hymn 586**

Alleluia

Alleluia 7

* Passing of the Peace

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may
see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 91:1-6; 14-16

(Old Testament, page 518)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Do Not Be Afraid

Philip W. J. Stopford (b. 1977)

The Chancel Choir
Emily Gaffney, soprano

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.
When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.
You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.*

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

(New Testament, page 75)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A Difficult Chapter" Dr. Smazik

* Hymn 345 In an Age of Twisted Values Church United

A Moment for Mission Spring Hills Ministry Marnie Kaller

* Hymn 829, stanza 1 My Faith Looks Up to Thee Olivet

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Donations may be made online through our website. Cards will be collected with the offering.)

Offertory

He Never Failed Me Yet Robert Ray (b. 1946)

The Chancel Choir
Sam Brusco, tenor

I will sing of God's mercy, every day, every hour, He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out. He is my God and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet. I know God is able to deliver in time of storm. I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harms. One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed. Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharoah? And didn't he cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know he will deliver you.

* Doxology (Hymn 606) Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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 299**

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hanover

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Sonata in A minor, Wq 70/4

C. P. E. Bach (1714-1788)

Kevin Graf, organ

Participating in the service today are the Reverend Dr. David Smazik;
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education; Matthew Webb, Director of Music;
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar; and the Chancel Choir.
The acolytes are Daniel Alessio and John Alessio.

GREETING YOU this morning are Beth Baldanzi, Bill San Filippo,
Diana Gulick, and Marilynn Hummer.

USHERS: Rich Schwartz, head usher, Gretchen Doner, Jack Fraebel, and
Kevin, Susan, Ben, Adam and Danielle Redgate.

Our FELLOWSHIP HOUR hosts today are Nancy Behrendt and Marilynn Hummer.

The FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the wedding of
Sarah Corinne Green and Eric Mitchell Sarver.

Thank you to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK: *For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.*

Sunday, Sept 25

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
NS Mum sale
- 11:00 a.m. Set up for Morristown's Festival
on the Green

Monday, Sept 26

There are no open meetings today.

Tuesday, Sept 27

- 8:00 a.m. Small Group (D. Lisco)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Erdman Room, Parish House)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, Sept 28

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Worship (Chapel)
- 4:15 p.m. Midweek
- 4:30 p.m. Bel Melodia (Multi-Purpose Room)
- 5:05 p.m. Bel Canto (Multi-Purpose Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Midweek Family Dinner (Sheffield Hall)
- 6:05 p.m. Tower Choir (Multi-Purpose Room)

Wednesday, Sept 28, continued...

- 6:30 p.m. Small Group – N. Verhoef
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, Sept 29

- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)

Friday, Sept 30 *Office closes at noon*

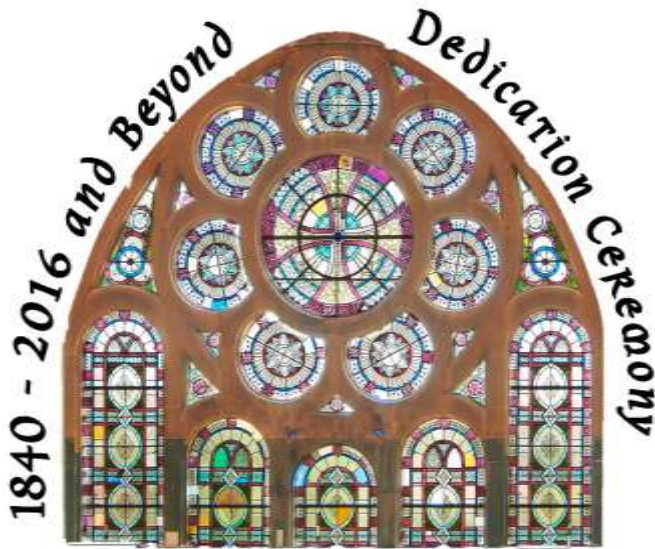
- 9:00 a.m. AAA
- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers (Bulletins)

Saturday, Oct 1

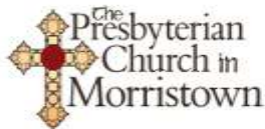
- 9:00 a.m. Morristown Festival of Books

Sunday, Oct 2

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
Technology help Desk
- 11:30 a.m. Inquirers' Class
- 4:00 p.m. Faith on Film



**Sunday
October 9
11 am**



**Parade after the 10 am service to the
PARISH HOUSE
OPEN HOUSE**

- Tour the new facility
 - Dedication of Erdman Room and Jan's Closet
 - Reception
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A community-focused ceremony on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
is open to the membership as well.

WELCOME

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
 - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., in the Choir Room**
- **Wednesday Worship Service at Noon in the Chapel**



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