



The Presbyterian Church
in Morristown

May 21, 2017
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Ring Joyous with the Sound

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

The Bel Canto Ringers

* Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Nathan Wood

Leader: God of the Ages, we come today as your people who have been called to rise up and follow you. We are pilgrims, travelers making our way.

People: We sojourn on the ancient pathways of the saints. We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks which led them.

Leader: Today we celebrate tomorrow's leaders, the heroes and heroines of a history yet to be made.

People: We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

Leader: Today we celebrate a new generation of faith, your daughters and sons, drawn to the cross of Jesus Christ and trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Let us welcome them into this church community, as we all worship God together and share God's love with the world! Amen.

* Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

* If you are able, please stand.

Confession and Pardon

Danielle Redgate

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Forgive us for the times we have faltered and have gone our own way. Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near, by our words and deeds. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 551

Lord, Have Mercy

Land of Rest

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Taylor Olsen

Leader: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*** Response: Hymn 581**

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri (Creatorex)

*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead and Ella Sparacino

Confirmation Recognition

Angela Rines

Confirmands: Henry Annis, Gwyneth Butler, Sydney Familo, Mekhi Lawrence, Taylor Olsen, Benjamin Redgate, Danielle Redgate, Ella Sparacino, Nathan Wood

Mentors: Clarence Curry, Jack Fraebel, Lisa Fraebel, Ken Hashagen, Carol Knauff, Helen Quinn, Beverly Tignor, Jenny Tooley, Vern Verhoef, Wayne Rush

Questions to the Confirmands

Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Sydney Familo

Welcome to the Confirmands

Leader: Let us welcome the newly confirmed.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's Church to share with us in his ministry for we are all one in Christ.**

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Sydney Familo

Living and gracious God, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you have brought us out to a spacious place where we are called to live as those redeemed. Empower us by your spirit to keep your commandments, that we may show forth your love with gentle word and reverent deed to all your people. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Arise, My Love, and Come Away

Don Michael Dicie (b. 1941)

The Bel Canto Choir Barbara Valenti, piano Leah Curnow, flute

Arise, my love, and come away, for winter is past. The light of heaven shines in our hearts, the rain is over and gone. The flowers adorn the bright new earth, new blossoms appear. The songs of doves are heard in our land, their joyful music abounds. The blossoms reach out, reach out to the sun. Heaven and earth lift up their voice. Arise! Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away. The light of heaven shines in our hearts, the rain is over and gone. Alleluia!

Second Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21

Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Not Alone”

Rev. Smazik

* Hymn 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
with the Bel Melodia Chimes

Dennis

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

I Can Do All Things

Mark Burrows (b. 1971)

The Bel Melodia Choir Barbara Valenti, piano

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I can do all things. I can clap, I can run, I can laugh in the sun. I can stomp, I can shout, I can spread God's love about. I can jump, I can play, I can cheer, I can pray. I can dance, I can sing, I can do most anything.

* Doxology (Hymn 609)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Rev. Sarah Green

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 300

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians

* Benediction

Postlude

'Tis the Old Ship of Zion

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

The Bel Canto Ringers



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverends Dr. David Smazik and Sarah Green
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Angela Rines, Director of Youth and Young Adults
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music
Julie Ramseyer, Director of Children's Music
Our 2017 Confirmands
The Bel Melodia and Bel Canto Choirs
Elizabeth Bruen and Vienna Volinsky, Acolytes

GREETERS

Marnie and Dick Kaller
Jane Donegan and Nancy Rossman

USHERS

Bob Davies, Head Usher; Henry Annis; Gwyneth Butler; Frank Gaden
Mekhi Lawrence; Ben Redgate; John and Tim Woodworth

FLOWERS

Given in loving memory of
Andrew Kernaghan and Eleanor Kernaghan
by Arnel Kernaghan and Cheryl, Bruce, Morgan and Haley Smith

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

The Community and Membership Community and
the Confirmation Mentors

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK

For a full schedule of meetings, please visit www.pcmorristown.org

Sunday, May 21

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:05 a.m. Special Congregation Meeting
(Sanctuary)
- 11:10 a.m. Congregation Reception (Narthex)
- 11:30 a.m. Ringers on the Green (Parish House)
- 4:00 p.m. Faith on Film (Parish House)

Monday, May 22

No open meetings

Tuesday, May 23

- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Parish House)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Parish House)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 8:00 p.m. Theology on Tap
(The Office, 61 Union Place, Summit)

Wednesday, May 24

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Church)
- 12:00 p.m. Worship (Chapel)
- 4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 4:15 p.m. Midweek Scavenger Hunt (Parish House)
- 5:45 p.m. Midweek Cookout (Parish House)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, May 25

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

Friday, May 26

Office closes at noon

- 9:00 a.m. AAA (Parish House)
- 9:30 a.m. Bulletin/Tower Tidings Volunteers
(Parish House)

Saturday, May 27

No open meetings

Sunday, May 28

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 a.m. Graveyard Service

Wel come

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

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