



The Presbyterian Church
in Morristown

May 28, 2017

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Celebration of Worship

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” – Acts 1:8*

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Kevin Graf, organ

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

The Rev. Sarah Green

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them exult before God.

People: Let us be jubilant with joy!

Leader: Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

People: From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

Leader: Let us ascribe power to God,

People: whose majesty is over us in the skies.

*** Hymn 321**

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

Confession and Pardon

Gloria Hu

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. Even after years of learning from you, we still focus on the wrong questions and struggle to understand who exactly you call us to be and what

*** If you are able, please stand.**

you ask us to do. We fail to be your witnesses in the world around us because it makes us uncomfortable, and we think there is a skill required that we lack. We quickly grow impatient waiting on God's timing and would rather take matters into our own hands. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 551

Lord, Have Mercy

Land of Rest

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God, the spirit of glory, is resting on you to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you.

People: **Let us rise up and give God thanks and praise.**

*** Response: Hymn 581**

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri (Creatorex)

*** Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Gracious Lord, fill us with your spirit of glory, and bless us with a word of life this day. By your grace, help us truly to know you and your son Jesus Christ that we may discover the way of eternal life. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

John 17:1-11

(New Testament, page 105)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

The Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

Second Scripture Reading:

Acts 1:6-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Imperfect Witnesses”

Rev. Green

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

Who At My Door Is Standing?

arr. K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

The Chancel Choir

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near, who entrance is demanding?

Whose is the voice I hear? Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!

If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee." Within, the rooms are darken'd,

all filled with dust and sin; how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.

Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide. Though he rebuke and chasten,

He shall with me abide. Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!"

Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me. Dear Lord, abide with me!

*** 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

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.

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude in F Major, BWV 556

Kevin Graf, organ

J. S. Bach



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Sarah Green

Gloria Hu, Liturgist

Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar

The Chancel Choir

Caleigh Lawlor and Nathan Wood, Acolytes

GREETERS

Mary and Rich Albright

Betty and David Darcy

USHERS

Dick Kaller, Head Usher; Marilyn Hummer,

Marnie Kaller; Daria and Rich Lisco,

Mary and Norm Dykstra

FLOWERS

Given in loving memory of

Earl Webb and Franklin and Carolyn Justice

by Matthew Webb

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

Sunday, May 28

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

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day

Office closed

Tuesday, May 30

- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Parish House)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, May 31

- 4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, June 1

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

Friday, June 2

Office closes at noon

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

Saturday, June 3

- 10:00 a.m. Hike
(Jenny Jump State Forest, Hope, NJ)

Sunday, June 4 – Day of Pentecost

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion & Stephen
Minister Commissioning (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. Deacons at Spring Hills
- 11:15 a.m. Inquirers' Class (Howard House)
- 12:00 p.m. Young Adult Brunch (The Office,
3 South Street in Morristown)

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 worshippers 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
- **A new Wednesday small group offering is coming in the Fall!**



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