

*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
4th Sunday After Pentecost
June 20, 2021*



"[Jesus] woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm."

Mark 4:35-41, NRSV

GATHERING

WELCOME

Tom Bajkiewicz, Liturgist

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

God alone laid the foundations of the earth.

The morning stars sang together

And all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

From the midst of the whirlwind, God speaks with power.

**When have we seen the deeds of the Lord,
who commands and raises the stormy wind
and also makes the storm be still.**

We ourselves have seen the wondrous deeds of the Lord!

HYMN

“My Life Flows On”

GATHERING PRAYER

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O Lord our God,

when we cry out to you in distress,

you bring us through desperate circumstances.

You can quiet the storm to a whisper

and hush the sea's waves,

so great is your power.

Help us to trust you, then,

whatever we may face,

knowing you will lead us

to the harbor we have been hoping for.

We offer you our thanks and praise. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

Do not accept the grace of God in vain,

For God has said:

At an acceptable time, I have listened to you,

and on a day of salvation, I have helped you.

Let us confess our sins before God,

Who will listen and help us in our weakness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

Saving God,

we confess that our faith is too small,

our fear is too great.

When we are overwhelmed,

We think you do not care enough for us.

When life is uncertain and risky,

We are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts.
Even when you move among us in powerful ways,
we question who you are.
Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray.
Teach us to trust in your power to save
and guide every circumstance.
Grant us your peace,
which is beyond our understanding.
In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Christ offers peace to our troubled souls.
Believe this One whom even the wind and the sea obey.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory to God. **Amen.**

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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A STORY FOR ALL AGES

(a time for those young in years or young at heart)

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we know that our words lack knowledge,
whenever we speak of you or to you.
Yet we desire to understand your mysteries.
So, by the gift of your Holy Spirit,
Speak your words and we will listen,
in awe and gratitude.
Through Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

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SCRIPTURE

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

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The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Mark 4:35-41

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SERMON

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HYMN

“It is Well with My Soul”

OFFERING

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God has provided us with all that we need. Freely you have received. Freely give.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN

“Hold Me in Life”

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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Time Change for Summer Worship

June 27-September 5, worship is at 10:00 a.m.

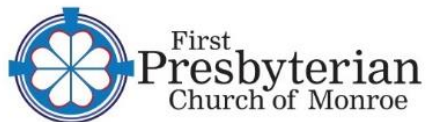
PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing and Pentecost Offerings

Sunday, June 27 will be the last Sunday for receiving these offerings.

Thanks to all who have generously given.

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